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# Powell's Separation Splits Abbyssinian Church In Factions

## Early Resignation Of Pastor And Congressman Elect With Return Of Reverend Powell, Sr. Called Only Cure Of Situation

By Staff Reporter

Abyssinian Baptist Church has been turned into two opposing factions by the published separation of Reverend Adam C. Powell and Mrs. Powell. One faction is preparing an address for an early church meeting, setting forth its objections to the continuance of the eloquent Congressman-elect as pastor. The other and the younger, if not the larger group, is almost fanatically for the radical preacher on the ground that his domestic troubles are his own private affair.

The first and older group is almost equally determined, however, asserting that the alleged philanderings of the preacher politician have brought the church into disrepute and have reflected on their spiritual sense and self respect. They had gradually become reconciled to his marriage to the young actress lady, now his wife. They have never become reconciled to the radical friends of both groups propagandizing the members nor the profanity of the pastor in the pulpit.

From an inside official it is learned that the pastor will shortly resign and permit his father to ake over as the latter is said to have long wished. This the former is said not to want since it is the foundation of his political organization and might endanger his reelection.

**Powell Asked Divorce**

In supreme court Monday, November 20 titian haired Mrs. Isabel Washington Powell shocked New York by filing a suit for separation from Congressman-elect Adam Clayton Powell jr.

Mrs. Powell asserted that her husband had recently asked for a divorce, accusing her of opposing his political ambitions and being responsible for their [illegible]. She [illegible] that Dr. Powell had become infatuated with a "woman night club entertainer," and he had visited her (the entertainer) at the night club where she performs and at the Roxy theater during an engagement there.

On November 19, Walter Winchell said Mrs. Powell would ask for a divorce, and as soon as Dr. Powell was free, he would marry Hazel Scott.

When your reporter talked to Miss Scott on the telephone, it was evident that someone had asked her to keep quiet about the affair. Making a direct reversal of all previous actions, Miss Scott informed me that she "hadn't any statements to make what-so-ever."

In an interview, Miss Scott is reported to have said "If and when [illegible] think myself an extremely lucky young lady to be his wife. He is one of the great men of our time, really, he is the finest man I know."

In her suit, Mrs. Powell asks for $100 weekly alimony, $1500 [illegible] and $1000.00 for medical expenses.

Dr. Powell stated through an affidavit that:

1. He will not contest his wife's suit.

2. That he wishes to assure that his wife is taken care of [illegible].

3. That the amount she requests is exhorbitant and out of proportion to his income.

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# Probe Rankin First, Says Clayton Powell

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Rep. Adam C. Powell, Jr., yesterday charged that Rep. John E. Rankin "is the most serious obstacle to America winning a people's war or a people's peace."

Rankin in a letter to John Lynch, editor of The Greenville (Miss.) Delta Democrat Times, had said he would not sit by Powell in the House "or anywhere else."

"I am happy Rankin will not sit by me," Powell said, "because it makes it mutual."

He suggested the committee on un-American activities which was revived on Rankin's motion, "should investigate Rankin first."

Powell was elected to Congress by the Democratic, Republican and American Labor parties. Rankin holds his seat by grace of the Mississippi poll tax.

REP. A. CLAYTON POWELL

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# Harlem Salutes FDR, Powell

Consuls General of Venezuela, Denmark, France and Peru are among the well-known people who will celebrate the inauguration of President Roosevelt and salute the Hon. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Negro Congressman from New York, on Saturday night, Jan. 20, at the Golden Gate. This will be Congressman Powell's first appearance since he took his seat in Congress.

Muriel Smith, Hilda Simms, Ralph Cooper and Josh White, Rollin Smith, Kenneth Harris and Willkie Dukes of The Heat Wave are headliners of stage and screen who will also be on hand. The labor movement will be represented in full force, and among the boxholders are the State and National Committees of the Communist Political Association. Aside from the consuls general and the entertainers, prominent citizens who will be in attendance are Congressman Adam C. Powell, Assemblyman and Mrs. Hulan Jack, Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., and Mr. Ed Lewis of the Urban League.

Frank D. Griffin, Director of the Inaugural Ball, said, "The Ball will be truly representative of all people in New York City. We have received assurances from the American Labor and Democratic Party that representatives will be on hand to celebrate the inauguration of President Roosevelt and election of Dr. Powell. Many prominent Republicans will also be present. The Dance Committee has worked heroically in order to assure the many guests who will turn out a good time. A cross section of the nationalities in the city will also be represented."

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# Powell Offers Bill on Jimcrow

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—A bill to nullify Jimcrow interstate travel laws in 15 southern states was introduced in the House today by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-NY).

Amending the Interstate Commerce Act, the bill prohibits segregation of passengers on any transportation vehicle on account of race or color. Any segregation of attempt at such discrimination is punishable by a $5,000 fine as provided in the Act itself.

In introducing the anti-Jimcrow legislation, Powell said it had widespread support of organizations both Negro and white. Republicans as well as Democrats are working for its enactment, he said, and duplicate bills are expected to be introduced into the House and also the Senate.

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# 2 NY Congressmen Meet the Issue

By JAMES W. FORD

Leadership of high quality was given by Reps. A. Clayton Powell, Vito Marcantonio and William L. Dawson on the May-Bailey national service bill. Reactionary Republicans and anti-Roosevelt Democrats maneuvered against the service bill with the intention of crippling labor and minority groups and defeating the nation's manpower needs at a most critical moment in the war. They proposed two amendments, namely, an open shop amendment and a so-called anti-discrimination amendment. Their game was to confuse the issue and divide the vote. This cheap trick was exposed and defeated. The real issue is maximum manpower to win the war.

Rep. James Wadsworth (R-NY) introduced the open shop amendment around which to rally all anti-labor elements. Rep. Charles R. Clason (R-Mass) introduced a so - called anti - discrimination amendment. This was a hypocritical move of pretended concern for minority groups which was intended to get votes even from liberal Democrats.

**OPEN SHOP FIGHT**

Rep. Marcantonio led the fight to eliminate the open shop amendment. He said that he proposed to vote for the bill but would be unable to do so if the open shop amendment were approved because this was a "union busting amendment" which would blow labor organizations to pieces, retard production and destroy existing labor-management relationships. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 178 to 142.

Powell

Rep. Powell in a dramatic [illegible] led the fight against the so-called anti-discrimination amendment. He declared that the maneuver was a "cheap partisan trick" and would have little effect in eliminating discrimination. He proposed that the Republicans could show their sincerity by supporting permanent FEPC legislation. Rep. Powell's speech changed the minds of many liberal Democrats who had intended to vote for the amendment. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 148 to 112.

Marcantonio

This was effective action and great leadership. It was a victory in the best interest of the Negro people. The issue involved here was not superficial consideration of the rights of minorities. The issue was placed on the high level of national interest. Rep. Powell has served the cause of all minorities and assured them greater gains by placing their interest in the center of the national interest.

If they are really concerned about minority interests let them support permanent legislation which is soon to come on the floor of Congress. This legislation can be sufficient to wipe out all discrimination.

A dramatic scene, perhaps never before seen in Congress, was enacted when Rep. Powell strode down the aisles of the House to clasp the hands of his colleague Rep. Dawson, and both demonstratively voting against the amendments.

Congressman Powell and Dawson in themselves are a symbol of the political maturity of the Negro people.

They are doing a great job. They are serving their nation and their people. Keep it up.

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# Annual Race Relations 'Honor Role' Lauds ast, Powell, Willkie, Stanfers and Others

The names of the 19 Negroes and the six white persons on the Honor Roll of Race Relations of 1944 have been announced by Dr. Lawrence D. Reddick of the New York Public Library.

Each year a nationwide poll is conducted by the Schomburg Collection of Negro Literature of the New York Public Library to determine the twelve Negroes (individuals, organizations, or institutions) who have most distinguished themselves during the year, and the six white persons (individuals, organizations, or institutions), over the same period, who have done the most for the improvement of race relations "in terms of real democracy." This is a feature of Negro History Week, which begins today.

Dr. Reddick, who is curator of the Schomburg Collection, said in the course of the announcement that the efforts of these named "strengthen the foundations of national unity and lay a real basis for a cooperative world society."

WRITES

The Late Wendell L. Willkie, for his crusade for minority rights.

WMCA, for presenting each Saturday Here World A-Comin', the most forthright radio dramatization of Negro life and race relations on the air today.

Pabst Quality Furniture Inc., for its extensive series of paid advertisements which have urged tolerance and racial unity among all Americans.

Howard Fast, for Freedom Road, the most original novel yet written of the Reconstruction period, showing the promise of democracy and cooperation between Negroes and whites in the South.

Negro Magazines, for the fine books which have chronicled a wide appreciation of the dominant role of the Negro problem in the development of this peoples and form (just).

The American Federation of Labor, for including a Negro vice-president, Boris Shishkin, in the top-level exchange of views between labor and industry.

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The 92nd Division of the U. S. 5th Army, Negro unit known as the "Fighting Buffaloes," largely led by Negro officers, for their record in the Italian campaign against the Nazis.

Thurgood Marshall, legal counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, for arguing the case of Dr. Lonnie E. Smith before the U. S. Supreme Court, outlawing the Texas White Primary.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College, on his election the first Negro of the Vice Presidency of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

The American Negro Theatre, [illegible] for the direction of Abraham Polonsky for stimulating the Negro theatre, [illegible] by its productions. The [illegible]

DR. LAWRENCE D. REDDICK

[illegible] Lawson, the labor & literary [illegible] during [illegible] Ellis Simon.

Mrs. Mabel B. Simpson, president of the National Council of Negro Graduate Nurses, for her campaign for the integration of Negro nurses into the Army and Navy.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan, for his successful fight against opposition to the publication of What the Negro Wants—a symposium by 14 Negro leaders.

Joseph James, of the Murlando Corporation, for his successful fight which resulted in the California courts outlawing Japanese auxiliary labor unions for Negroes.

Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, for his election—the first Negro—as president of the Eastern Sociological Society.

The Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, for launching a test and survey of West Africa.

Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., [illegible] for re-election to Congress from Harlem.

John H. Johnson, founder and editor of the Negro Digest, for the most successful Negro magazine of the year.

Charles "Buddy" Young, halfback of the University of Illinois, for equalling the "golden record" of "Red" Grange—16 touchdowns in one season.

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# Blasts Attacks On Powell

The "vicious lies" and innuendoes aimed at Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., by some sections of the Negro press and certain individual Negroes "are attacks on the progressive movement," Councilman Benjamin Davis, Jr., declared yesterday. He spoke at the opening of the exhibit on Negro History week, held in the Communist Political Association Club bearing his name, 2315 Seventh Ave.

Davis was referring to the noisy cry in some Negro papers, opponents of Powell when he was seeking the Congress seat, that the New York representative "sold out" the Negro when he voted against the so-called anti-discrimination amendment to the May-Bailey Bill.

Powell, during debate on the bill Jan. 31 in the House, amendment, offered by Rep. Charles R. Clason (R-Mass.) as "a cheap partisan trick to play upon racial prejudice in order to defeat a bill which should stand or fall on its own merits." He demanded, instead, support of the permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee bill.

"It is unfortunate that the vicious attack on Rep. Powell has drawn in some Harlem leaders," Davis said.

He had just made the point that it is not enough for the people to know that they had to do something for themselves but equally important for them to know what to do and how.

**RAISE "PETTY OBJECTIONS"**

"First, they tried to discredit Powell by dragging his family affairs into his campaign for Congress, though they knew it was none of their business," Davis said. "Defeated there, they are raising petty objection to every move he makes in Congress."

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## Powell Suit Settled

Congressman Adam C. Powell Jr., New York's first Negro representative, and his wife, Mrs. Isabel Powell, are now legally separated under the terms of a "satisfactory" agreement out of court, it was announced yesterday by Harrison S. Jackson of the law firm of Jackson & Pharr & Farbstein & Markowitz. An action which Mrs. Powell had brought in Supreme Court was withdrawn.

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# Rep. Powell Reports to Constituents

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr., yesterday in the Golden Gate Ballroom, 142 St. and Lenox Ave., reported on what he has done in his six weeks in Congress and projected a program for the immediate future. He asked the thousands of his constituency who packed the auditorium for their continued support and, by acclamation, got it.

POWELL

The occasion was celebration of the third anniversary of the People's Voice, of which Powell is editor-in-chief.

Powell said he had introduced 11 bills in the House, including the following nine:

To naturalize Filipinos as citizens of the United States.

To give the people of the Virgin Islands the right to vote.

To permit people of India resident of the United States to become citizens of this country.

To permit Koreans resident in the United States the right to become citizens.

To make lynching a federal crime.

To give residents of the District of Columbia the right to vote.

To abolish the poll tax (paired with Rep. Vito Marcantonio).

To amend the Interstate Commerce Act to abolish Jimcrow transportation throughout the United States.

He intends to introduce an amendment to the Hatch Act to allow federal workers to participate in federal elections.

A law to give Dan Hanson, only Negro to reach the North Pole with Admiral Peary, a pension of $200 monthly instead of the $60 (minus taxes) he now receives.

Law which, six months after the end of the war, would make segregation in the United States armed services illegal.

Resolution calling for investigation of every government contractor which segregates because of race, creed, color or national origin.

Other speakers included Doxey Wilkerson, executive editor of the People's Voice; Henriette Buckmaster, author; and CHAIRMAN of the Committee for Equal Justice for Mrs. Recy Taylor; Assemblywoman Helen Jack, and Charles A. Collins, executive secretary of the Negro Labor Victory Committee.

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# ALP Rally Urges Wallace Be Okayed

**Confirmation of Henry A. Wallace to the post of Secretary of Commerce was demanded here last night by a rally of the New York State American Labor Party at the New York Times Hall.**

ALP trade unionists and district leaders heard wires sent to the rally from Sens. Robert F. Wagner, James M. Mead and Harley M. Kilgore pledging determined support for President Roosevelt's choice.

The rally unanimously sent a resolution backing Wallace to Vice President Harry S. Truman, Senate Majority leader Alben W. Barkley and Senate Minority leader Wallace H. White.

Prof. J. Raymond Walsh, national research and educational director of the Political Action Committee, who presided, read the Kilgore message which declared that "refusal to confirm Henry Wallace would be an unconstitutional invasion of the President's executive functions."

**GREETINGS FROM PEPPER**

Speakers at the rally included Reps. Vito Marcantonio and Clauton Powell, Leo Krzycki, president of the American Polish Congress; and Councilman Michael J. Quill. The rally was also greeted by Sen. Claude Pepper and Truman.

The ALP has collected 740,000 signatures on petitions urging Wallace's appointment.

Mead's wire promised that he would vote for Wallace's confirmation. He has already voted for him in committee.

The ALP resolution said that the fight for confirmation was part of the fight for postwar full employment for all Americans.

"We need Wallace in the cabinet to help realize our postwar goals," said Wagner.

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# Adam Powell, Wife Settle; Still Wed

## Powells Agree on Separation

NGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL and his wife, Isabella, reached an agreement this week to go their separate ways. Talk of divorce and the prospect that the minister-legislator marrying piano virtuoso Hazel Scott are out for the time being. The Powells just legally separated . . . still man and wife under the law.

## Congressman Put On Committee On Labor

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, key figure in one of most talked about romances in America, settled his wife's separation suit out of court this week following a conference which involved lawyers from both sides.

Mrs. Isabel Washington Powell, it was agreed, will not interfere with her handsome young husband's affairs (public or private) and the militant minister is not going to seek a divorce.

News of the settlement was made public by Harrison M. Jackson, Congressman Powell's lawyer, Hazel Scott who made the following statement:

"Congressman Adam Clayton Powell and his wife are now legally separated in an agreement and settlement having been reached and executed by which the wife has been adequately and satisfactorily provided for."

**Couple Still Married**

As a result of the agreement, the suit filed against the Rev. Powell two months ago has been discontinued. Each party is free from interference, molestation or control of the other party, but they are still married.

No mention as to the details of the settlement was made. When the case was first publicized, however, the pretty red-haired Mrs. Powell asked for $100 a week alimony, $1,500 for her lawyers, Artim Lebovici and Kettler, and $1,500 for medical expenses.

Under the present arrangement,

## Adam Powell, Wife Settled; Still Wed

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Pianist Hazel Scott will probably not be married to Congressman Powell, although, in some interviews, she went on record as being in favor of doing just that.

Meanwhile, none of the principals bothered to amplify the statement released by Atty. Jackson. It was believed, therefore, that some sort of agreemnt had been reached also with respect to "too much publicity on the case."

In Washington, Congressman Powell was told of the formal agreement shortly after he had been named as a member of the important House of Representatives' Labor Committee. In New York, late Tuesday night, Miss Hazel Scott, interviewed by telephone at Cafe Society, Uptown, where she is the star, denied categorically reports that she was wearing a $4,000 coat reputedly given her by the Congressman.

Reports spread like wildfire in Harlem social circles during the holidays that the Congressman and Miss Scott had made an appearance together at Dr. H. Binga Dismond's birthday party where the coat in question was supposed to have been worn. It was claimed that a woman guest saw a label inside the expensive garment, inscribed, "From Adam to Hazel." Miss Scott refused to confirm or deny the report. At the same time, Miss Scott laughed off an item appearing in Ed Sullivan's Daily News column that she was receiving threatening letters. "That makes me laugh," she said, adding that "I intended to call Mr. Sullivan and to tell him that just idle gossip."

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# Ickes Warns ALP of Plots on Peace and Jobs

Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes warned last night that the same forces that promoted Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's candidacy last fall are plotting against an enduring peace and full employment.

Ickes addressed 1,200 diners at the annual American Labor Party banquet at the Hotel Commodore by a special hookup from Washington. He was unable to attend because of illness.

Ickes declared that the congressional fights against President Roosevelt's appointments of Henry A. Wallace and Aubrey Williams were part of this same plot. These reactionary forces can be defeated, he declared, if the same unity that was achieved behind the President is maintained in the future.

"Liberty, equality and security, today tomorrow and always" are the keynotes of the program around which unity can be achieved, he said.

Sidney Hillman, ALP state chairman and chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, called for renewed efforts for national unity and international unity in his address. Hillman, just returned from the World Trade Union Conference in London, reported on conference achievements and said that he had found that labor in France, Belgium and Italy had been the single stabilizing factors protecting our rear while our armed forces knocked out the foe.

Other speakers included Louis Hollander, state CIO president, Hyman Blumberg, ALP executive secretary, Rep. A. Clayton Powell, Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union and the City CIO, and Freda Kirchwey, editor of The Nation.

Telegrams were received from Vice-President Harry S. Truman and Sen. James J. Mead.

Joseph Curran told the gathering that "no trade union can exist today unless it couples with its economic strength, political strength." He spoke highly of the political role of British labor and its Labor Party, having recently returned from England where he attended the world trade union conference. But he said categorically that it would be harmful if we in America were to talk about a third party.

Rep. Vito Marcantonio, chairman of the New York County ALP, a scheduled speaker, was delayed in Baltimore due to unfavorable flying weather.

NAILS CRAWFORD, LUCE

"We called 1944 a year of decision," Hillman said. "That decision was won by the people. But 1946 and 1948 will be no less decisive."

Telling briefly of his observations in Paris, Hillman let fly a shaft at Frederick Crawford, former president of the National Association of Manufacturers, and Rep. Clare Booth Luce, who said they found the French living in luxury.

HILLMAN

MARCANTONIO

Congressman Powell hailed ALP victories and predicted new ones to come. "We shall not stop until through the mandate of the people we are victorious, in the local mayoralty election this year, the gubernatorial campaign next year and Henry Wallace for President in 1948," he said.

Hollander described passage of the Ives-Quinn anti-discrimination law as a "victory of the highest importance." He warned however, that vigilance to see that the law is enforced would be necessary. A battle to remove discrimination in education and housing still lies ahead, he said.

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# Powell Flays Rankin In House on Racism

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Professional Jew-baiters and Negro-baiters are being slapped down much harder in Congress this term.

Today Adam Clayton Powell, Negro Democrat from Harlem, denounced John E. Rankin's (D-Miss) racial poison in a speech from the well of the House.

Yesterday Matthew M. Neely, former Democratic governor of West Virginia, and Vito Marcantonio, New York ALP leader, scored Clare Hoffman (R-Mich) as a Jew-baiter in two dramatic attacks.

And John W. MacCormack (D-Mass), the House Majority Leader, reminded the Michigan anti-Semite that "we are all Americans."

Rankin glared from his seat as Powell took the floor to reply to the Mississippian's attack on the anti-bias law just passed in New York, but kept silent.

Powell tore to shreds Rankin's references to "persecuted white gentiles," who Rankin said would suffer if Negroes and Jews were in their proper place.

PERVERTED

"Only a few perverted un-Americans have distorted the purposes of this act," said the young clergyman-Congressman.

But this fascist minority won't last, Powell declared.

"The truth of it is that the people are on the march and they are going to crush every fascist, not only in Europe, but also in America.

"The people—together united—aren't going to stand much longer for rabble-rousing, demagogic fascists," he said in conclusion.

Hoffman also squirmed the day before as Neely castigated him for his violent recent anti-Semitic speech against Supreme Court Justice Frankfurter—a speech that might have been taken word for word from the works of last summer's sedition trial defendants.

"Let us once and for all forsake the degrading, dangerous habit of slandering the Jews," declared the elderly ex-governor.

"From the dawn of sacred history to the present hour the Jews have borne more than their share of the world's burdens. . . . They have done more than their part to elevate humanity from the depths of humanity to the heights of civilization."

Let us, he added, behave like Americans.

REFUSES TO YIELD

Adolph J. Sabath, venerable chairman of the Rules Committee, also tried to reply to Hoffman later, when the Michigan anti-Semite took the floor again, but Hoffman would not yield.

Nor, after challenging any one to prove that he was really anti-Semitic, would Hoffman yield to Marcantonio, but the ALP leader wouldn't be denied.

"A challenge was issued," cried Marcantonio, his voice ringing through the House. "I would like to meet that challenge," he continued.

And meet it he did with a one-minute speech saying that when Hoffman "singles out a person's race, when he singles out his birthplace, for the purpose of demeaning him, and for no other reason," then he is "Jew-baiting."

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## Rep. Powell to Speak in Cleveland

CLEVELAND.—Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, congressman from New York, will speak here at a forum sponsored by the Ohio School of Social Sciences on Friday, April 20 at 8 p.m. in the Euclid Ave. Baptist Church.

Subject of the forum is "Minorities in Postwar America." Other speakers include Howard Metzenbaum, state representative and one of the sponsors of an effective FEPC bill in the state legislature, and Joseph Kres, treasurer-manager of the Cleveland Industrial Union Council (CIO).

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REP. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL (D-NY), it was announced yesterday, has nominated 11 Negro youths for the Naval Academy at Annapolis, the largest number ever named. Two, Wesley A. Brown and Pvt. Louis E. Braithwait, are students at Howard University. The rest, from New York, are Lawrence R. Holmes, Joseph Dorsey, Truman Boddie, Harvey Cooper, Fred D. Wilson, Jr., Brunsic Brendon, Jr., Joseph Woodley, Pfc. John L. Anderson and James W. Mabbee. Rep. Powell also nominated two white youths of Washington for West Point: Thomas Brandon, 2d, son of Commander Thomas Brandon, director of the Washington Naval Observatory, and Stanley Prouty, Jr., son of Col. Stanley Prouty of the Army Service Headquarters, Washington.

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# Cong. Powell To Divorce And Remarry

NEW YORK—Congressman A. Clayton Powell Jr., who represents New York's recently created Twenty-second District, told the congregation last Sunday at Abyssinian Baptist Church, of which he is pastor, that he is going away in a couple of days, will get a divorce and get married.

The minister-politician did not name the person he plans to marry, but the congregation assumes her to be Miss Hazel Scott, entertainer extraordinaire, who was seated down front in the church at the time. Miss Scott walked with Congressman Powell at the funeral services for his mother, Mrs. Mattie Fletcher Powell, on April 24. The People's Voice, of which Mr. Powell is editor-in-chief, in its issue dated April 28, named Miss Scott last in a select group who will place a bronze tablet in Abyssinian Church in memory of the minis-

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# Cong. Powell To Divorce, Remarry

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ter's mother. However, a source close to the two Reverend Powells says that only the two of them are to give the memorial tablet.

The Rev. A. Clayton Powell Sr., long time pastor-emeritus of the [redacted] restored to active duty in the church [redacted] next Sunday and "whenever he feels like it," according to an announcement made April 29, by his son. Both the Powells redeemed [redacted] the April 22 death of their wife and mother, respectively denounc[ed] in many of the rumors that ar[e] being circulated about her demise.

The Rev. Mr. Powell Sr. no[w] has the title of senior pastor, and the Rev. David N. Licorish, who joined the church's staff last Aug[ust] as assistant pastor, has been elevated to the position of associate pastor, according to information revealed at the Sunday morning service.

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Adam Powell 'Blesses-out' His church + lock for Gossip; Proposed Marriage Hits A 'Snag'

# May Give Up Politics Or Church Post

**Congressman Declares He's Going To Stop 'Gossipers' From 'Misusing' His Name**

By CARL DUNBAR LAWRENCE

Despite reports and rumors to the contrary, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell and his glamorous sweetheart, Hazel Scott, are not going to be married next month.

What has been talked about as "The big event of June" was postponed indefinitely this week, pending the outcome of Isabel Washington Powell's decision on whether or not to let her handsome husband go.

She's willing, as of now, providing the Rev. Powell is ready to straighten up and fly right. Which means that Mrs. Powell's primary current interest is full and complete security in the postwar era.

This is not a scoop. It is not an exclusive. It is just a plain, everyday, common sense fact; something any reporter would find out by checking with the trio's many close friends.

**Out On the Limb**

Walter Winchell's column [illegible] reported:

"They now say Hazel Scott (the Sepia Church) will middle-aisle with Congressman Powell of N Y within six weeks."

Only six phone calls were necessary to convince this reporter that Mr. Winchell was out on a limb again, but his "facts" were as phony as Hirohito's claim that he is winning the war.

Had the internationally known

## Willing—But

MRS. ADAM C. POWELL, the former Isabell Washington, who is reported willing to grant the congressman a divorce, but not until certain arrangements having to do with her social security in the future have been completely satisfactory. She is reported to be demanding a 'pretty penny' to give the tall, fair and handsome minister-politician his freedom.

# May Give Up Politics Or Church Post

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Broadway reporter checked the report, several lawyers said, it would have been as plain as the nose on his face that Congressman Powell couldn't legally do such a thing at this point.

Informed newsmen in the downtown sector blamed Mr. Winchell's "bad tip" on the wonderful imagination of a certain Broadway press agent.

**Blessed Out Members**

If Winchell was taken, however, so were hundreds of Harlemites who attended services at Abyssinian Church two weeks ago. At that time, the fiery young pastor called an "executive session" all his own and publicly gave some members of the church "a blessing out" seldom heard in a place of worship.

In his capacity as pastor, Congressman Powell told everybody where to get off. He accused, dared and threatened to take care of anyone caught discussing his personal life, adding that he was in possession of $10,000 in cash to go into court and make the gossipers [illegible] talking.

At the same time, the Rev. Powell revealed that his father, the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Sr., would occasionally preach to members of the world's largest Protestant church. Abyssinian Church was founded by the militant minister's father.

Without saying when, Congressman Powell declared also that he was going to get married. Whether it was the emotional cloud upon which he was figuratively riding or something else, some members of the church recalled after services were over that their pastor was already married.

They recognized that several months ago he succeeded in getting Mrs. Powell to agree to a legal separation, but they still couldn't figure out how he'd be able to marry again under the circumstances.

Some guessed that the Rev. Powell would go to Reno, while others recalled that it was necessary to become a legal resident of Nevada to go through with such a plan.

A few officers of the church are under the impression that Congressman Powell prefers the church to politics, that he will announce that fact about a year from now and hand-pick the man to follow in his footsteps in Washington.

**Politicians Say**

Politicians don't figure it that way at all, however. They maintain that he is in politics to stay, that he is right now strengthening his organization for that very purpose.

Mrs. Powell, meanwhile, is appearing in public more and more. Her friends say that it is not unlikely that she will appear on the stage again. It is known also that she has received at least two contract offers from a major Hollywood studio.

And although she refuses to be quoted direct, Mrs. Powell will not deny it when I report that she is not going to consent to a divorce.

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# Democrats Back Councilman Davis For Reelection

By EUGENE GORDON

**The Democratic Party of Manhattan will back Benjamin J. Davis Jr., for Council of the City of New York, J. Raymond Jones, leader of the Democratic Party of the 13th District, announced yesterday.**

The occasion was the Ben Davis Ball given in the Golden Gate Ballroom at 142nd St. and Lenox Ave. in honor of Councilman Davis.

While an estimated 5,000 persons shouted, sang, and applauded Jones recalled that the Democrats did not support Davis in 1943 but that they were glad to name him as their candidate now.

Jones was followed, a few minutes later, by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., who said:

"Without any major party endorsement in 1943 the people sent Ben Davis to the City Council. This time the people have the support of the powerful Democratic Party.

"The new world we hear about as a'coming is already here, when Tammany Hall nominates a Communist."

Powell recounted a story which showed that Tammany's nomination had to be fought for.

"We told Tammany that if it wanted the Negro people, it would have to take Ben Davis along with them," Powell said.

Declaring that it is no longer considered a stigma to be a Communist, Rep. Powell brought down the house with a broadside against critics of "our most gallant ally, the Soviet Union, and its magnificent Red Army."

The bulk of the Negro people, he declared, have been against red-baiting during the war and will be against it during the peace.

"Thus we come to launch the campaign of Ben Davis, not Ben Davis the individual, but Ben Davis, the symbol of the people's unity." Powell then announced that he was serving as co-chairman of the Ben Davis Committee with Dr. George Cannon. Dr. Cannon was chairman of the Ben Davis Committee in 1943.

Councilman Davis said:

"I am proud to be associated with the party of Roosevelt and Truman, and with the Roosevelt-Truman Democrats in New York.

"I will continue to represent all the people, Republicans, Democrats, American Labor Party members and Independents, irrespective of party.

"We want to make New York City the first in America to get rid of Jimcrow, anti-Semitism, and all other forms of racial discrimination. We are for full employment, decent housing and social welfare." Councilman Davis said that he would carry on a campaign of unity and cooperation with all for a better New York, and that the fight now was for his bill to create a city anti-discrimination bureau in the Mayor's office.

Kenneth Spencer, screen and radio artist; Ray Lev, pianist; [illegible] Scott, pianist; De Merchant and Laura Duncan, singers; Mary Lou Williams, composer and pianist; [illegible] of stage and screen stars offered the entertainment.

Saul Mills, secretary of the City [illegible] endorsed Davis in 1943 and would undoubtedly endorse him again on the basis of his record.

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# Congressman Powell Speaks On Negro Equality At Meeting

The Negro people will be satisfied with nothing short of complete equality—political, economic, educational, religious and social—U. S. Representative Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., asserted Sunday afternoon, June 3, in an address on "Social Equality for Negroes" at the annual spring assembly of the Advisory Committee on Negro Health of the Queensboro Tuberculosis and Health Association in Lost Battalion Hall, 88-29 Queens boulevard, Elmhurst, Queens.

Congressman Powell was the principal speaker on a program which included a talk by Charles A. Freek, executive director of the association, on "Toward a Healthier Community." Among several stage and radio personalities invited to entertain were Dooley Wilson and Hubert Dilworth of "Bloomer Girl" and Lou Singer and Corporal Bennie Benjamin, composers of popular songs.

Miss Gloria Shumpbert gave a reading, "The Colored Soldier;" Miss Anne de Ramus offered piano selections, the Youth Theatre Glee Club of forty voices sang under the direction of Melvin Greene, and Mrs. Leona Blackman, Miss Thelma Campbell and Mrs. Minnie Cauldwell were vocal soloists. Dr. John Edward Lowry, chairman of the advisory committee, presided. Members of the Senrun Club, composed of nurses, and of the five district committees acted as ush[illegible]

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# Adam Powell Perfect Mate Mrs. Powell Says In Reno

(Special Correspondence)

RENO—Congressman Adam Clayton Powell's pretty wife, Isabel, may change her mind about resuming her stage career, she admitted this week, because "it's becoming extremely difficult to forget my personal interest in church and civic affairs."

Mrs. Powell, who arrived here two weeks ago for the purpose of divorcing her famous huband, spends most of her time fishing.

Instead of attending the numerous gay parties, Mrs. Powell spends practically all her time at nearby lakes, fishing, reading and writing old friends in New York, Chicago and Hollywood.

"It wouldn't be a bad idea," she said Wednesday, "to dedicate my life to helping some of the unfortunate kids in Harlem. Some of them have never known their parents, others know less about real home life."

**Expect papers in month**

Mrs. Powell is staying with friends here, a couple she met some years ago when she was playing on Broadway in "Singing the Blues." She expects to receive final divorce

that would be unkind, and that [illegible] no untoward circumstances our married life until September [illegible] last year.

"On that day we returned from our summer home at Martha's Vineyard, Mass., having been there since July 1. We had a most enjoyable time fishing, two and three times a day. The congressman spent much time writing a book, but that did not interfere with our vacation.

"It was when we returned to New York that I received my first indication that there was a cloud in our marital sky. It was then that he told me I interfered with his work, that I just didn't seem to fit into his program.

"This came about after I asked what plans he had made about our Washington home, now that he had been elected congressman. He told me there was no plan, and had me understand that our 12-year marriage had come to an end.

"At first the break caused me to be heart-broken; then later I became bitter. But now, I just feel sorry for him, for the people of his church and his political district. I also feel sorry for the people because they have built their hopes on something that has failed. I feel sorry for him because he was a great leader and has done tremendous things for his people but now he is definitely afraid to do anything."

# Adam Powell Perfect Mate Mrs. Powell Says

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papers one month from next Monday.

To reporters looking for a story Mrs. Powell gave the following statement always ready:

"Adam was a perfect husband to me and a devoted father for my boy. I can say nothing about him

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# NEGRO RALLY TOLD TO FIGHT RACE BIAS

Mass migrations and picket campaigns were among the strong measures of protest advocated last night for the Negro people in the event that the Congress fails to establish a permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee.

The Representative Adam Clayton Powell Jr. of Harlem addressing the third annual Negro Freedom rally attended by more than 20,000 persons at Madison Square Garden, said:

"In those sections of America where there is no hope for the Negro people there should be an immediate mass migration, leaving the land of doom to rot in its own filth," declared Representative Adam Clayton Powell Jr. of Harlem, at the third annual Negro Freedom rally, attended by more than 20,000 persons at Madison Square Garden.

"Wherever we are concentrated in the North, West and Far West, we shall—along with the right-thinking whites of our areas—conduct picket campaigns to make sure that there shall be no discrimination. We did it before Pearl Harbor, and we can do it now."

He explains that by migration he means leaving those sections of the country where the people saw no hope for their futures.

President Truman sent a message to the rally reiterating his support of the bill that would make the FEPC a permanent agency of the Federal Government.

Some of the speakers advocated closer collaboration between the [illegible] and greater autonomy for the peoples of India and the Far East. Speakers included Oscar Ewing, vice-chairman of the Democratic National Committee; Malcolm Ross, chairman of the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee; Salvatore Garcia Aguerro, member of the Cuban Senate.

Miss Ruth Henning, 24-year-old war worker of 1798 Pacific street, Brooklyn, was chosen "Miss Negro Victory Worker of 1945" and was given a War Bond.

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# Fight on Bias Cannot Wait, Powell Tells Freedom Rally

**Rep. A. Clayton Powell Jr., one of the two Negro members of Congress, last night issued a bold and challenging demand for American Negro equality now, and "not at some vaguely promised date with destiny."**

Rep. Powell was one of several speakers at the third annual Negro Freedom Rally at Madison Square Garden. Among those scheduled to speak were Johannes Steel, FEPC Chairman Malcolm Ross, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., Ferdinand C. Smith, Charles Collins, Moran Weston, and Oscar Ewing, vice-president of the Democratic National Committee. Outstanding Negro and white artists were scheduled to entertain.

A capacity crowd of close to 20,000 cheered the speakers.

In a message to the meeting President Truman pledged full support to the ideals of his predecessor and for the formation of a permanent FEPC.

"When you address the Negro Freedom Rally in Madison Square Garden tonight," President Truman's message read, "please extend hearty greetings to all who gather to reaffirm the faith in the policies and principles of my lamented predecessor, firm in the conviction that the Fair Employment Practice Committee which he brought into being is an instrument to promote national unity.

"I reiterate my appeal to Chairman Sabath of the Rules Committee to allow the members of the House of Representatives to vote on that question. As Americans we must ever go forward with progress."

Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, in a message to the rally, pledged the "full support of the CIO to the achievement of economic, political and civic equality of opportunity" for the Negro people. He specifically stated that the Political Action Committee is throwing its full support behind the Marcantonio Anti-Poll-tax Bill and behind the [illegible] for both the temporary and permanent FEPC.

Hillman also warned that the aspirations of the Negro people can [illegible] peace is established on the basis of continued international unity of America, the Soviet Union and Great Britain and if "labor, liberal and progressive forces rally to obtain" full employment.

CUBAN LEADER

Sen. Garcia Aguaro of the Popular Socialist Party of Cuba brought greetings to the rally from his country and his party.

The Negro congressman from Harlem maintained that two great problems face the Negro people—jobs after the war and the elimination of Jimcrow in the armed forces.

He charged that if the Republican had desired it, the FEPC bill would have already been passed by the House instead of being bottled up, and warned that if the bill is not passed, the Negro people, aided by "right thinking whites" would conduct mass picket campaigns against job discrimination.

Rep. Powell announced he has a bill now before the Military Affairs Committee of the House to prohibit segregation in the armed forces following end of the war. He was prepared to amend the proposal for "peacetime conscription" when it comes before the House, to bar segregation, he said.

Citing the great gains made during the war, he noted that the Negro people had insisted that the struggle to defeat Hitler was tied to the fight to wipe "American Hitlerism off of the streets of our towns, as well."

"I am proud to stand here tonight and say that time has vindicated us, that the concept of democracy has become enriched by virtue of the righteous indignation and the disciplined resentment of the Negro men," he said.

The Negro people, he stated are out first to "defeat the Japs," second to "defeat the American Hitlers" and third to cooperate with all [illegible] are marching up freedom road."

Councilman Benjamin J. Davis Jr., said: "The Negro people may [illegible] during the war, but we are not satisfied. We will not be satisfied until we have attained full equality. We have destroyed Hitler, now we must destroy Hitlerism. That exists not only in the courts of the Pacific, but in the Stuyvesant Town project in New York."

He called upon the State FEPC, which goes into effect on July 1, to take up immediately the fight to eliminate Jimcrow in professional baseball and pledged a determined campaign to put through his measure to set up an official city Anti-Discrimination Committee "even if I have to stay in the City Council another two years to do it."

Municipal Court Judge James E. Watson presented Miss Ruth Hemming, a war worker from Brooklyn, member of Local 430 of the UERMWA (CIO) with an award for her outstanding contribution to the war effort.

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# Congressman Powell and Hazel Scott Wedding Aug. 1

The forthcoming marriage of Hazel Scott, pianist, and the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Congressman from New York City, will take place this Wednesday, Aug. 1, Mrs. Alma L. Scott, the bride's mother, announced this week.

The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Dr. Powell, Sr., and will be limited to the immediate members of the family. At 1:30 p.m. on the same day, a reception for the couple will be given by Barney Josephson at Cafe Society.

Hazel Dorothy Scott, born June 11, 1920, in Trinidad, British West Indies, was brought to America at the age of four, where she was educated in the public schools of New York City. Her musical education was received at Julliard under the late Paul Wagner and now with Richard McClanahan of Steinway Hall.

Her career has consisted of motion pictures, radio, recordings and five years at Cafe Society. This fall she launches her concert tour under the management of Lawrence Golden and will continue in this phase of her profession.

[illegible] was born November 28, 1908, in New Haven, Conn., son of A. Clayton Powell, Sr., and the late Mattie F. Powell. He is minister of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, member of the House of Representatives, 22nd District, New York City, and editor and publisher of the People's Voice.

[illegible] after the ceremony for their new country home and will return on Sept. 15.

HAZEL SCOTT

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MARCHING BLACKS, By Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Dial Press, New York, 248 p.p. $3.50.

answer is not mass migration; but mass struggle. The kind of migration with which we can all agree, to paraphrase a verse of Langston Hughes would be "a migration into force and power" of the democratic forces of the South, the Negro people and the white working masses. They can and will retire the Rankins and Bilbos; and change the South to the true democracy which Powell also desires.

On the whole, Marching Blacks has great positive value and should be read. It is, I believe, a sincere effort of an outstanding Negro leader to chart the course as he sees it. It should, in turn, be incumbent on those of us who see its shortcomings to improve on it; and to speed our efforts to solve the problems which Dr. Powell so challengingly places before us.

# Hazel Scott, Adam Powell Wed; 3,000 Jam Night-Club Reception

Herald Tribune—Acme

*The Rev. Adam Clayton Powell jr. leaving the Bethel Methodist Church in Stamford, Conn., yesterday with his bride, the former Hazel Scott, night-club pianist*

Barney Josephson, owner of Café Society Uptown, at 128 East Fifty-eighth Street, held a wedding reception there yesterday afternoon for his star performer, Hazel Scott, pianist and night-club singer, who was married earlier in the day in Stamford, Conn., to the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell jr., New York's first Negro Representative in Congress.

The party was so successful that, although only 2,000 guests were invited, almost 3,000 attended. At the height of the party Mrs. Powell had a dizzy spell and was taken by her attendants to a private room to rest. Her husband continued alone in accepting the felicitations of a double line of well-wishers which at one time extended [illegible] ward from the Café Society entrance across Lexington Avenue, half way to Third Avenue and eastward to Park Avenue.

Mr. Powell, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 West 138th Street, greeted most of those in the line as old friends, kissing women and hailing men by their first names. His collar wilted but [illegible] against a backdrop of towering vases of white gladioli while twenty-five policemen outside fed the guests into the room and the loud-speaker system inside bade [illegible] ...sperers to make room for others.

Before the bride's attack of faintness forced her into seclusion, she alternately sat and stood in the receiving line wearing her white lace dress over which a wedding veil of white lace, fastened with forget-me-nots, flowed to the hem.

When the last hand had been [illegible] Mr. Powell hurried upstairs to inquire about his wife, after which he, too, retired with a few of his close friends to a near-by room for a half-hour of rest before beginning the wedding trip to an undisclosed destination.

Mr. Josephson had supplied the guests with such a lavish outlay of cocktails and appetizers that the last roomful to enter showed no disposition to leave. Settled comfortably at tables flanking the huge showpiece wedding cake, a reproduction of the White House showing a priest with open Bible standing at the entrance and a Scottie dog tagged Fala romping near by, they stayed and stayed.

"Ladies and gentlemen," a voice over the loud-speaker system said, "Mr. Josephson has enjoyed having you but he has asked me to remind you that it will soon be time for his next show."

In the [illegible] ... congratulate the bridegroom and extend their best wishes to his bride, were William O'Dwyer, Brooklyn District Attorney and Democratic designee for Mayor, Representatives Benjamin J. Rabin, Emanuel Celler and Samuel Dickstein, all of New York, and James J. Lyons, borough president of the Bronx.

The [illegible] ... family, was performed in the Bethel African Methodist Church, in Stamford, by Mr. Powell's father, the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell sr., and the [illegible] ... pastor of the church. The bride was attended by her mother, Mrs. Alma Long Scott, while Charles Buchanan, owner of the Savoy Ballroom in Harlem, was Mr. Powell's best man.

Both the bride and the bridegroom were late for the 11 a. m. service. Miss Scott arriving at 11:07 and Mr. Powell at 11:28. No explanation was given, but Mr. Powell attributed his tardiness to a flat tire. He rolled up to the church in a car operated by a tollhouse attendant from the Merritt Parkway, where the mishap occurred.

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## Powell, Scott Wed: Press Gets Gate

The Rev. Adam C. Powell, Jr., Harlem Congressman, and Hazel Scott, pianist, were married yesterday in Stamford, Conn. A reception was held in a midtown night club. Newspapermen were barred from the marriage ceremony and Powell had a news service photographer thrown out during the reception.

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# A. C. POWELL JR. WED WITH DIFFICULTIES

## First a Flat Tire Delays the Ceremony, Then He Has Row With Press Over Pictures

STAMFORD, Conn., Aug. 1 (UP) —Delayed by a flat tire on his car, the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell Jr., New York's Negro Representative, was twenty-eight minutes late for the wedding here today of himself and Hazel D. Scott, night-club entertainer.

However, a Merritt Parkway tollhouse attendant came to the rescue, rushing the 36-year-old member of Congress to his waiting bride at the Bethel A. M. E. Church.

The Rev. Adam Clayton Powell of New York, father of the bridegroom, and the Rev. George Turner Sims, pastor of Bethel church, performed the double-ring ceremony. The 25-year-old bride wore a knee-length white gown and carried roses.

To the dismay of a small regiment of press agents, plans for covering the wedding reception of Representative Adam Clayton Powell Jr. and his bride, the former Miss Hazel Scott, went awry yesterday afternoon when photographers from newspapers and wire services packed their bags and walked out without snapping a picture after the bridegroom had asked a policeman to eject one of them.

The couple, after their marriage at Stamford, Conn., sped back to New York for a reception at Cafe Society Uptown, in East Fifty-eighth Street.

By the time they reached the night club where Mrs. Powell first attained fame, a long line of well-wishers had formed outside. Guests kept coming all afternoon and the street was always filled with more waiting to get in.

Mr. Powell's encounter with the press took place shortly before the reception, when the photographers trooped upstairs for pictures of the bride and bridegroom. They found, however, that Ivan Black, publicist, had agreed to let photographers for a picture magazine set up their equipment first and take a few exclusive shots.

This arrangement was far from pleasing to the other photographers, who complained that they had no time or inclination to wait and that they had deadlines to meet. The argument, the ejection and the walkout followed in that order.

Among the guests at the reception were the Democratic candidates for Mayor, Controller and City Council president—William O'Dwyer, State Senator Lazarus Joseph and Vincent R. Impellitteri —Representatives Samuel Dickstein and Emanuel Celler, Borough President James J. Lyons of the Bronx and Postmaster Albert Goldman.

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# Powell Joins Wife's Fight

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. (D., N. Y.) has protested to President Truman against the refusal of the management of Washington's Constitution Hall, owned by the Daughters of the American Revolution, to allow his wife, Hazel Scott, the pianist, to appear there because she is a Negro.

Hazel Scott

Powell telegraphed Truman and Sens. Robert F. Wagner and James M. Mead:

"My wife, Mrs. Hazel Scott Powell, concert pianist, has been denied the use of Constitution Hall. I request that you do something about it."

Subsequently, Mead and Wagner replied. Mead said that he had asked the management of Constitution Hall to reconsider its action and said "It is indeed regrettable that such discriminatory action should be taken in the capital city of this nation." Wagner decried extending prejudice into the field of art and music.

Miss Scott's agent, Charles P. McClane, said he tried to book Miss Scott in the Hall for Oct. 20, an open date, and was told by the manager, Fred Hand, that she could not have the hall because she was a Negro.

Neither Hand nor DAR officials were available for comment. Leaving by plane for a Canadian tour, Miss Scott said:

"I'm very, very angry and [illegible] ashamed such a thing can happen here."

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# D.A.R. 'White Artists Only' Rule In Constitution Hall Reaffirmed

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## Powell, Husband of Banned Hazel Scott, Demands Mrs. Truman Shun Tea, Cites Mrs. Roosevelt in Plea 'on Behalf of Democratic Party'

By Ann Cottrell

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—The Daughters of the American Revolution publicized and stood pat today on the "white artists only" rule in the rental of their Constitution Hall here. Immediately Representative Adam Clayton Powell jr., Democrat, of New York, sent a demand to Mrs. Harry S. Truman that she refrain from attending a D. A. R. tea in her honor tomorrow.

Representative Powell, husband of Hazel Scott, Negro concert pianist, who was prevented by the D. A. R. rule from engaging the hall, not only wired Mrs. Truman a request not to attend the tea, but he sent a copy to the President. He also wired requests to members of the New York Congressional delegation to introduce legislation to exclude the D. A. R.-owned Constitution Hall from tax exemption.

The D. A. R. issued its statement on its color-of-an-artist's-skin policy after the executive committee and national board of management voted to abide by its "white artists only" rule, adopted originally on March 23, 1932.

Representative Powell also issued a general statement on the dispute, which parallels in many ways the D. A. R.'s ban against Marian Anderson, Negro contralto, appearing in the hall in 1939. As a result, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt resigned her D. A. R. membership. In his statement Mr. Powell said: "I am, as plain citizen Powell, asking the wife of the President of the United States to have the American decency not to attend the meeting of the D. A. R. tomorrow."

He said further: "I can assure her that, if she follows the great lady that preceded her, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, she will not only endear herself to millions of Americans, but America will know that our President indeed has a wife worthy of the name of First Lady."

The controversy over Miss Scott's appearance in Constitution Hall was reported by the New York Herald Tribune on Oct. 1 from Philadelphia when she charged that she had been refused rental of the hall because she is a Negro. Immediately her husband appealed to President Truman to intervene. On Oct. 4 it was revealed that Mrs. Truman had accepted an invitation to a tea in her honor given by the Susan Riviere Hetzel Chapter of the D. A. R. at the Sulgrave Club on Oct. 12. Mrs. Truman is an honorary member of the Pioneer Chapter of the D. A. R. in Independence, Mo.

### Text of Telegram

The text of Representative Powell's telegram, addressed to Mrs. Bess Truman, follows:

"The D. A. R. has just reaffirmed its policy of not admitting Negro artists to Constitution Hall. This is a policy that is not followed even in the deepest South. It is merely incidental that the individual involved now is my wife. When it was Marian Anderson, the wife of the President, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, publicly withdrew from the D. A. R. You are to be guest of honor at a tea tomorrow, Oct. 12. I urge you on behalf of members of the D. A. R. who are against the present policy, on behalf of the millions of American citizens and on behalf of the Democratic party, to publicly refrain from attending the tea. I can assure you that no good will be accomplished by attending, and much harm will be done. If you believe in 100 per cent Americanism, you will publicly denounce the D. A. R. action."

In his wire to the President, [illegible] man, Representative Powell said: "I have not even received the courtesy of an acknowledgment of the telegram I sent you on Monday, Oct. 1."

### Court Is Quoted

The statement put out by the D. A. R. asserts that the "white artists only" rule is in accordance with policy contained in the United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia, 1944-45 (May vs. Burgess—Vol. 78, D. C. Appeals, Page 347.) The policy is quoted: "As to the District of Columbia, we must take judicial notice of the fact that separate schools are established for the white and colored [illegible] separate churches are universal and are approved by both races [illegible] and these accepted practices are not intended to and should not be considered to imply the intent [illegible] in the other [illegible] the Dist[illegible]

Assessors' office that Co[illegible] Hall is tax-exempt as public institution, except is rented to persons or groups side of the D. A. R. Annual [illegible] on the basis of rentals [illegible] from $6,000 to $7,000.

The color rule drawn by the D. A. R.'s board of management on March 23, 1932, follows: "The words 'white artists only' be added to the leases for the use of Constitution Hall."

Today's statement says: "The amendment was adopted on March 23, 1932, and continues in force. The executive board voted unanimously to abide by the rule, but the board of management apparently had some dissenters.

The D. A. R. statement made no reference to Hazel Scott, but said "the society recognizes the right of any citizen to request the use of Constitution Hall, and it also reserves its individual right to grant or deny a request for its use."

Mrs. Julius Y. Talmadge, of Athens, Ga., is president of the D. A. R.

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# TRUMAN'S CONDEMN D. A. R. NEGRO BAN

## President Compares Refusal to Let Hall to Hazel Scott With Nazi Racial Policy

## BUT WIFE ATTENDS TEA

## Representative Powell, Pianist's Husband, Says From Now On She Is 'the Last Lady'

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13—President Truman condemned the Daughters of the American Revolution today for refusing to permit use of the organization's Memorial Constitution Hall to Hazel Scott, Negro pianist, and in a letter to her husband, Representative Adam Clayton Powell Jr. of New York, compared their policy to that of the Nazis who banned public appearance of artists and musicians "whose religion or origin was unsatisfactory to the 'Master Race'."

Not long after the President sent his letter to the New York Representative, Mrs. Truman "deplored" the action of the D. A. R., but in her letter to Mr. Powell she rejected his suggestion that she absent herself from a tea given by the organization this afternoon. The President's wife took the position that she had accepted the invitation to tea and that it would be improper to cancel it.

The President's letter deplored the D. A. R. refusal to permit Miss Scott to use the hall and stated:

"One of the marks of a democracy is its willingness to respect and reward talent without regard to race or religion."

### Text of Truman Letter

The letter to Representative Powell was read to the White House press by Charles G. Ross, Presidential press secretary, as follows:

"I have your telegram in which you inform me that your wife, Miss Hazel Scott, has been refused the use of Constitution Hall for a concert on Oct. 20.

"Artistic talent is not the exclusive property of any one race or group. One of the marks of a democracy is its willingness to respect and reward talent without regard to race or origin.

"We have just brought to a successful conclusion a war against totalitarian countries which made racial discrimination their state policy. One of the first steps taken by the Nazis when they came to power was to forbid the public appearance of artists and musicians whose religion or origin was unsatisfactory to the 'Master Race.'

"I am sure that you will realize, however, the impossibility of any interference by me in the management or policy of a private enterprise such as the one in question."

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After his reading of the letter Mr. Rees was asked whether he thought the President really meant to compare the organization's treatment of Miss Scott to Nazi handling of "unacceptable" artists and musicians. In reply, Mr. Rees said:

"I am not going to try to interpret the President's letter."

**Powell Thanks President**

When Representative Powell had received the letter from President Truman he sent him the following note:

"Think you for your very fine letter. I agree with the spirit in which it was written. However, I would like to point out that although the D. A. R. is a private enterprise, Constitution Hall is a public institution in as much as it is tax exempt. Can we as a nation exempt from taxation the property of people who claim to be charitable, religious or philanthropic and they use that property against the best interests of American people?"

In her letter to Mr. Powell, Mrs. Truman said:

"In acknowledging your telegram of Oct. 11, may I call your attention to the fact that the invitation to which you refer was extended and accepted prior to the unfortunate controversy which has arisen.

"Personally, I regret that a conflict has arisen for which I am in no way responsible. In my opinion my acceptance of the hospitality is not related to the merits of the issue which has since arisen.

"I deplore any action which denies artistic talent an opportunity to express itself because of prejudice against race or origin."

Announcement that the D. A. R. ban on other than white artists was to continue came at the end of a three-day meeting of the executive committee here with the organization's national board of managers.

The D. A. R. has consistently refused its auditorium to Negro artists, among them Marian Anderson, noted contralto. Miss Anderson in protest gave a concert several years ago on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

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**Powell Assails Mrs. Truman**

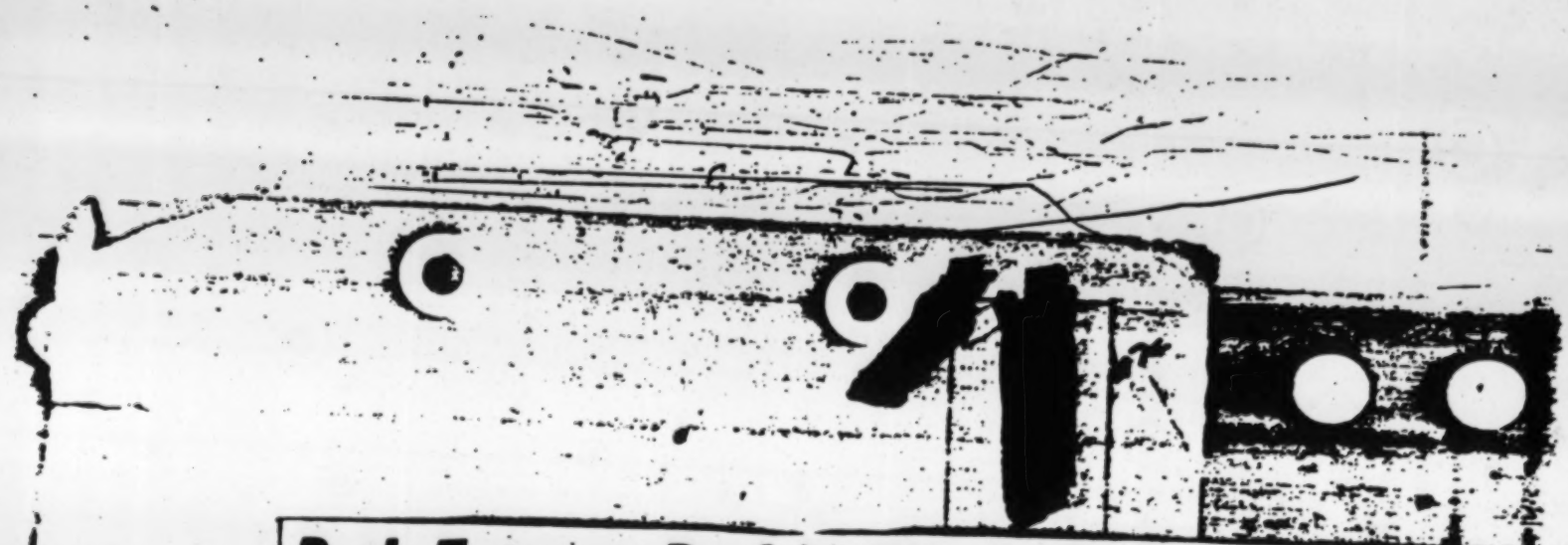
Representative Powell, who was in this city yesterday to take part in the Columbus Day parade, sharply criticized Mrs. Truman for attending the tea sponsored by the D. A. R.

"From now on," he said, "Mrs. Truman is the last lady.

"The excuse given by Mrs. Truman doesn't bear up when compared with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's withdrawal from the DAR in 1939."

His remark about Mrs. Roosevelt related to her move in quitting the D. A. R. for its refusal to permit the use of Constitution Hall to Marian Anderson.

In discussing future action, he asserted that as "a private citizen" he intended to put the New York delegation in Congress "on the spot."



# Both Trumans Deplore Bias in D. A. R. Incident

By TED LEWIS
of THE NEWS Bureau

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Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.—President and Mrs. Truman both deplored racial prejudice today, following refusal of the Daughters of the American Revolution to permit a recital by Hazel Scott, Negro pianist, to be held in Constitution Hall.

The President made known his views in a letter to Representative Adam C. Powell Jr. (D-N. Y.), husband of Miss Scott, and the First Lady explained in a telegram to Powell why she attended a D. A. R. chapter tea this afternoon. Powell had publicly asked Mrs. Truman not to attend the tea and to resign from the society, as Mrs. Roosevelt did in 1939 when Marian Anderson, Negro contralto, was refused permission to sing in Constitution Hall.

### Mrs Truman's Reply.

Mrs. Truman said that she had accepted the invitation before the present controversy arose and could not cancel it, but that "in my opinion my acceptance of the hospitality is not related to the merits of the issue which has arisen."

"I deplore any action which denies artistic talent an opportunity to express itself because of prejudice against race or origin," she

Asked at the tea whether she would accept similar invitations from the D.A.R. in the future, Mrs. Truman replied, "Why not?"

The President's letter to Powell was in answer to a telegram from the Negro Congressman sent Oct. 1, when the D. A. R. hall management refused use of the hall for a Scott concert on Oct. 20. The D. A. R. executive committee yesterday upheld the ban.

Truman said that "one of the marks of a democracy is its willingness to respect and reward talent without regard to race or origin.

The President added he was sure, however, that Powell realized that it was impossible for him to interfere with "the management or policy of a private enterprise."

Powell immediately telegraphed Truman thanking him "for your very fine letter," but insisting that "Constitution Hall is a public institution inasmuch as it is tax-exempt." He branded the D. A. R. as the "Daughters of Asinine Reaction."

### Mrs. Truman Is Now Last Lady to Powell

Congressman Powell denounced Mrs. Truman for her attending a D.A.R. tea yesterday afternoon and characterized her as "the last lady of the land." He also announced that he would seek Congressional action abolishing the tax exemption enjoyed by Constitution Hall.

Powell, who was interviewed while marching in the Columbus Day parade, said:

"Unless the President goes beyond lip service and calls for the tax exemption being taken away from Constitution Hall, the American Negro and millions of whites will also be against him and anyone he may sponsor for any type of public office. Mrs. Truman is now the last lady of the land."

Because [illegible] Representative Powell said he would not introduce legislation to remove tax exemption from the hall himself, but would ask his New York colleagues and Senators Wagner and Mead to sponsor it.

(Associated Press Wirefoto)

Hazel Scott interviewed by reporter Mary Cole in Minneapolis.

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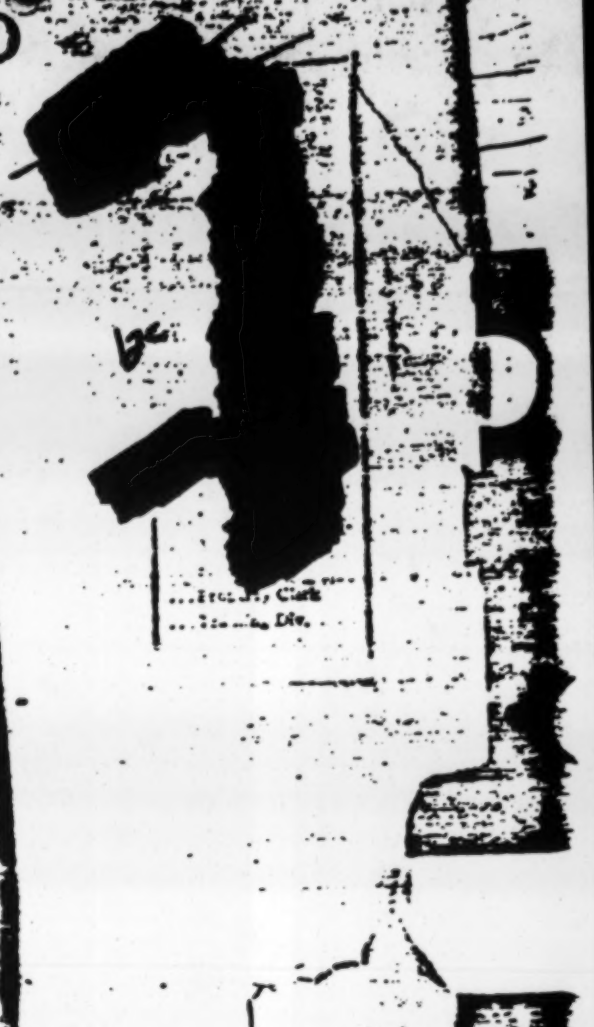

# Mrs. Bethune Charges D. A. R. Apes Axis

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the National Council of Negro Women, today said that the D. A. R., by barring Hazel Scott from appearing in Constitution Hall, in Washington because of her race, was "picking up where the Japanese and the European Axis left off."

"The Japanese and Axis propaganda addressed to the smaller nations tried to discredit the U. S. on the grounds that its democracy was not sincere," Mrs. Bethune said.

Rep. Powell (D-N. Y.), who is the pianist's husband, declared in his Harlem pulpit that America has a racial intolerance "that the war hasn't helped a bit."

**Mass Meeting Set**

"Even the President can't do anything about it. He hasn't even the power to control his wife," Powell said, referring to Mrs. Truman's attendance at a D. A. R. tea in her honor last week.

Powell also announced the formation of a "People's D. A. R. Drive Against Reaction," which will stage a mass meeting next Sunday in the Golden Gate Auditorium, Lenox Av. and 142d St., and will sponsor a Hazel Scott recital in Carnegie Hall Nov. 26.

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# Powell Rally Hits Bilboism

The special "Action Conference" called by the Peoples Committee at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 138 St. and Seventh Ave., Saturday, ended yesterday in a "Job for All" rally that jammed more than 5,000 persons into Golden Gate Ballroom, 142 St. and Lenox Ave.

The theme running through the conference and the rally, "The War's Over But Your Fight to Live Has Just Begun," was dramatized in the speech by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, pastor-on-leave from Abyssinian, in a long list of "crimes against democracy" he charged to "American fascists."

Powell, the principal speaker, declared that:

- There is "no need of talking about full employment without fair employment," and that "we must therefore, pass the federal Fair Employment Practice Bill" and make use in every possible way of the state FEPC.
- "Not only is Franklin D. Roosevelt dead, but his very ideals are dead," because, "though you may laugh all you wish at Bilbo and Rankin, they're the men who run the country."
- "The time has come for a campaign by the Democratic leadership to purge these two rats, Bilbo and Rankin, from American life" and New York's Senators James Mead and Robert Wagner "ought to introduce resolutions of censure against Bilbo and Rankin."
- The Democratic national leadership, including President Harry Truman can, if it wishes, "call for a civil rights law in Washington where a black American can't buy a cup of coffee in a downtown cafe."

Powell charged Mrs. Truman with being "right now," a member of the Daughters of the Confederacy. "That is why," he declared, "she does not repudiate the Daughters of the American Revolution for insulting distinguished Negro Americans."

The conference Saturday made several recommendations to the Peoples Committee: That rent and price control be retained; that "immediate assistance be given Negro veterans so as to acquaint them with openings available in the federal Civil Service; that "immediate legal action under the New York State anti-discrimination law be taken against major and minor league New York baseball teams where discrimination can be shown" and that "picketing and boycotting of league games be used if legal action fails."

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# Davis Parade in Harlem Tonight, Powell to Speak

Trade unionists, veterans, ministers, civic leaders, club women and other friends of Ben Davis will be in the line of march for the March Up Freedom Road With Ben Davis Parade in Harlem tonight (Saturday).

"With Ben Davis in the City Council, it's Freedom Road we're marching up," says Audley Moore, campaign manager of the Citizens Nonpartisan Committee to Reelect Ben Davis, which is sponsoring the parade.

Final event of the Davis campaign, the parade is expected to be a colorful affair with slogans aplenty calling for jobs, fair employment practices, houses, veterans rights and "elect Ben Davis" most of all.

Congressman Powell is scheduled to address the rally climaxing the parade.

NMU members have promised to be there, and so have the Furriers Local 65ers and Local 830ers from the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes. Locals 42 and 6 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employes, and many other organizations, including the Negro Labor Victory Committee, the Harlem Labor Union and the Manhattanville Club, have also pledged to have delegations.

Assembly point is 110 St. and Fifth Ave. at 7 p.m. sharp. Line of march will be up Fifth Ave. to 116 St. and then up Seventh Ave. to 145 St.

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# Powell, Unionists Hail Ben Davis at Election Rally

A dramatic parade of about 300 trade unionists and progressives marched down "Freedom Road" on Saturday evening with Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, jr.

In the parade were representatives of the Veterans Committee, the National Maritime Union, the Furriers Union, Indonesian seamen, the Negro Labor Victory Committee, the Daily Worker, the People's Voice, Communist Clubs, the Women's Committee to Re-Elect Benjamin J. Davis and others. The parade, sponsored by the Non-Partisans Committee to Re-Elect Benjamin J. Davis, Jr. was witnessed by an estimated 10,000.

The parade carrying torch lights and banners demanding jobs, houses and a permanent FEPC, left 110th St. at 7:00 p. m. It circled Harlem and came down 125th St. to 7th Ave. where a rally was held under the chairmanship of Miss Audley Moore, Councilman Davis' campaign manager.

Congressman A. Clayton Powell told the meeting that "Ben Davis is going back to the City Council in spite of the 'Uncle Tom' who are being used to split the Negro vote, because he is the kind of man the people want and need in the City Council. He's going back in spite of American fascists who are more dangerous now than before Pearl Harbor, who worked hand in hand with the Hitler and Japanese fascist. He is going back in spite of our Mississippi fascists Bilbo and Rankin. We need Ben Davis to help build the kind of world we have fought so hard for."

Clinton Lewis, Negro youth leader, member of "Youth Committee for Ben Davis, told the rally that youth is for Ben Davis, because youth was the first to face the fascists and die for freedom."

Other speakers included Doxey Wilkerson of the People's Voice, Dr. George Cannon, Chairman of the Non-Partisan Committee to Re-Elect Ben Davis, Attorney Isler, who said he was registered Democrat but the re-election of Ben Davis was more important than any political party; and Dr. Arnold Donowa, chairman of the Dentists Committee to re-elect Ben Davis.


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## Hazel Scott Gets Free Concert Mail

The Congressional frank has been put at the service of Hazel Scott to insure the success of her coming concert at Carnegie Hall. A press release from the Abyssinia Baptist Church, of which Miss Scott's husband, Congressman Adam C. Powell is pastor, was sent out by the "People's Committee", postage free.

The publicity blurb which says the boogie woogie classical pianist has "enriched the lives of many with her deep and unique experience" was sent out under the Congressional frank privilege of the artist's Congressman husband.

The advertisement of the coming concert was sealed in an envelope with the imprimature of the "Congress of the United States, House of Representatives" in the upper left hand corner of the face. Below the "Congress of the United States" it is clearly written "OFFICIAL BUSINESS—FREE".

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# BOOKS AND THINGS

By LEWIS GANNETT

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR., author of "Marching Blacks" (Dial, $2.50), is the grandson of a Negro slave and can remember, as a ten-year-old boy, tracing the nine-inch scar of the letter P branded in his grandfather's burning back. Such memories last. His father, born in a one-room cabin in rural Virginia, never saw a clock until he was ten or a train until he was eleven, taught himself to read by firelight, worked his way north to study at Yale, came to New York, took over a debt-ridden Negro church and built it into the largest Protestant congregation in the world. The son succeeded him, and in addition is today a member of Congress and a conscious spokesman of the "new Negro." Freedom Road is a dramatic thoroughfare.

### *Memories of Slave Days*

You look at that road from one perspective in "Marching Blacks"; you look at it from the other in "Lay My Burden Down" (University of Chicago, $3.50), a collection of ex-slave memories, as compiled in the 1930's by members of the Federal Writers Project, woven into a sort of narrative folk-legend by B. A. Botkin. For by the middle '30's, obviously, only very old men and women could remember slavery days, and their memories had been colored by repetition and by the passing years. They remembered variously, but some of them quite like the honeysuckle-and-jasmine novels.

"I've hear tell of them good slave days, but I ain't never seen no good times then," said Jenny Proctor, of Alabama. An old woman in Texas remembered with a shudder her day on an auction-block in Alabama long before, and the man who had made her open her mouth to show her teeth. An old man remembered the long walk from Georgia to Texas, every night with one end of a chain locked about his neck and the other locked to a tree. Some recalled whippings, and others singing. One said, "My master was a preacher and a kind man. He had been taught that his Niggers were just like his work hosses; if they act like they his work hosses they git along all right. But if they don't—oh, oh!" A few recalled the security of slave days as "happy days," and most said, "I got along hard after I was freed. . . . We used to dig up dirt in the smokehouse and boil it and dry it and sift it to get the salt to season our food with." But

*Adam Clayton Powell Jr.*

### *The Trouble They Saw*

Some had masters who had denied them both church and schoo
ng. Some masters had marched their Negroes to squat in the bac
f the white church on Sundays. A few masters had encourage
earning. An Arkansas Negro remembered a white preacher sayin
"You may get to the kitchen of heaven if you obey your master."

Some, after the war, had trekked west with their masters; so
had stayed, and recalled with horror the years when the Ku-Kl
rode. They remembered arguing, "What's 'free' mean?". As M
Powell's book shows, that argument still continues. At first, "fr
as a jaybird" meant little more than freedom to starve. In plac
that is still true. But, as Mr. Powell's book also shows, the eight
years' travel of the American Negro along Freedom Road is one
the most dramatic records of human progress in all recorded histor

### *Come North to Not-Quite Canaan*

"Come north," Mr. Powell bids his Southern brothers. "Don
worry about what is left behind. The few ragged, broken earth
belongings are not worth considering. Walk out, leave your doo
and windows, if you have any, wide open. No one will come to li
in those shacks that right never intended human folk to inhabit. "T
North is not Canaan yet, but there is no lynching and no poll ta
there are good schools and hospitals, and even the slums are beth
than miserable share-croppers' huts. . . . The great Hegira has b
gun. The American Exodus is on its way—Glory, Hallelujah!"

There are times when Mr. Powell's oratory almost overcomes h
But he, a grandson of a slave, speaks as a man aware of the mean
of freedom. He is bitterly resentful of the fact that when this
began the United States Navy offered the Negro no better chance
make the world safe for democracy than to work in the toilets or th
mess-kitchens—and little more today. He regards the Army and
Red Cross blood segregation as "the exact counterpart of Jim Crowis
at its Nuernberg worst." But he also knows that his people have
eighty years learned what freedom can mean, and have acquired a
instinct for fighting for it. He counsels non-violence, and dares
hope there are enough "new whites" to make it work. He recogniz
that "today there is no group in America, including the Christia
Church, that practices racial brotherhood one-tenth as much as th
Communist party," but he puts his hope in the Pearl Bucks, th
Eleanor Roosevelts, the Lillian Smiths, the influence of Wendell Will
kie, the younger white generation in the South and the younger
determined black generation in the North.

His book hardly fulfills the promise of its subtitle—"An Interpre
tive History of the Rise of the Black Common Man"—but it is
dicative of the new mood: not "Lay my burden down," but "Cast
burden off."

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# Adam Powell Leaves Paper For U.S. Work

**From Hospital Bed Says Church Congress Should Be First**

From his hospital bed at the Post Graduate Hospital, 303 East 20th St., in private room No. 6016, the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, New York Congressman, repeated, in substance, his announcement that he was beginning a leave of absence from the paper of which he was co-founder and Editor-in-Chief.

The Congressman said that he would probably put in as much time at the newspaper as he had during 1945 but that he was not able, because of his duties as Congressman and minister of Abyssinia Baptist Church, the largest Baptist church in the world. He made light of his taking a leave and explained that it meant, primarily, that he would no longer be able to be responsible for details of news presentation.

He emphasized, however, that he would still take a large part in determining "major policy" and that the newspaper would continue pretty much as it had done in the

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# Adam Powell Leaves Paper For U. S. Work

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past. In the signed statement in the paper, it was written, "I shall not be responsible for the editorial policy and news presentation of the paper."

Of the other members of the Board of Directors, we were able to get comment.

Ferdinand Smith and Max Yergan were both in conference all day and could not be reached. Charles Buchanan, the other co-founder of the paper stated he took no active part in the paper's management. He laughed off a request for comment by saying, "Do me a favor. Get hold of Adam, Doxey Max Yergan, or Ferd Smith and let

he go back to bed and get some sleep."

Adam Powell, Jr.'s operation was not serious. His secretary, Miss Harvey expressed an opinion that it was a planned operation on his old back injury. The prominent minister was much more concerned about a Sunday meeting at the church where Ed Byowski, Bilbo picketing Polish war vet, was speaking, than in talking either about his operation or the leave he was beginning from the paper.

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# MARCHING BLACKS

## Mr. Cayton Takes a Sidelong Glance at the Powells—Father and Son

By HORACE R. CAYTON

(The views expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily express the editorial opinion of The Pittsburgh Courier.—The Editors.)

A. CLAYTON POWELL Jr., who seems to have boundless energy, has just turned out a book entitled "Marching Blacks." In doing this he has followed in the footsteps of his father, who, a few months ago, published one entitled "Riots and Ruin." The temptation to compare these books is irresistible. The Powells, pere et fils, both write at white heat. They are indignant beyond words at the injustices heaped upon the American Negro. Their indignation at times reaches such heights that they are almost incoherent. That their rage is justified cannot be denied, but one feels that perhaps their case would be more effective if stated less hysterically. Both men claim to place their hopes in the fighting spirit of the "black common man." Both, by and large, are disdainful and distrust the Negro "upper class."

Mr. Cayton

The material in the two books is strangely familiar. Both describe the Detroit riot and the recent Harlem outbreak. However, Powell Sr. seems more oriented in his discussion toward the role and function of the Church and stresses the moral obligation of Negroes to behave themselves and lead good Christian lives. Powell Jr., on the other hand, is much more interested in politics and the possible development of a Negro people's movement. His book, too, though sprawling and unorganized, has more clearly defined thesis and program of action.

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POWELL JR. attempts to interpret the history of the Negro's experience in the United States in terms of a revolting, revolutionary people. He believes that Negroes have never accepted their status of sub-citizens, that the Garvey Movement was the first and perhaps only important mass movement among black folk, that the war has stirred the Negro's hopes and aspirations to a point where he is willing to march. He further believes that now the Negro has an ally in the "new white man"—the Communist, the rank and file CIO members, and the courageous liberal. This thesis gives his book a cohesiveness in spite of its rambling presentation which his father's book lacks. Powell Sr. seemed to be in a rage without knowing what to do about it.

The curious thing about the books is that they seem to be a series of speeches presented before the congregations of the Abyssinian Baptist Church. As sermons, both would have been effective and inspiring. Reduced to cool print they lose much of their force. As far as writing is concerned I found Powell Sr. ... interesting. His stories of his personal experiences in Detroit, the South, and the Harlem riot were warm, witty, and a little more relaxed than were his son's staccato, sledge-hammer blows dealt at break-neck speed. Powell Sr., too, used the old flowery language of the orator which I found more interesting.

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NEITHER author suffered from an excess of modesty. Both spoke as if they were handing down a pronouncement, if not from Heaven, at least from the pulpit of the Abyssinian Baptist Church. The personal pronoun "I" got a good working over in each volume. Neither employed elegant English. In spite of al this, though, the Powells have something to say and are saying it forcefully. Both have made a great impact on American life and have made contributions as leaders. They both address themselves to the problem of the American Negro who has been stripped of his manhood by his American experience. Both represent instances of men of great ability who America has not emotionally sustained or nourished in a dignified, purposeful, and enriching manner because of its racist theories. It's good to have these books. It's good for white people to read them and it's good for Negroes to read them. Only through them can we learn of the extent of the Negro's rebellion and rage. The books are not great literature, not even great political or social analysis, but they should be compulsory reading for anyone who wishes to understand and interpret the American scene.

The sustained and intense tension arising out of a feeling of rejection, the almost pathetic hope for acceptance by enlightened, progressive whites, the courage to face the reality that they can conceive of, is the hallmark of both men and both books. In spite of my many disagreements with much that the Powells have to say, I have much respect for these men who have made a decision. They are best described in the words of Claude McKay, who said:

*"Like men we'll face the murderous, cowardly pack*
*Pressed to the wall, dying, but fighting back!"*

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# Little Fire 'Seen' Under Adam Powell

## Congressman Hits Mead For Missing Meet; Gets Hit Himself For Remarks

Congressman Adam C. Powell, sent cold chills down the spines of Democratic leaders when he predicted in an October 21 speech that, "there will be a Republican President in the White House in '48, a Republican increase in Congress in '46, if not the complete capture of the majority, the return of Dewey to Albany next year (1946), and a complete repudiation of the Democratic Party, unless the Administration does an about face and gets back in step in the Roosevelt way of a people's democracy."

Rep. Powell

This past Sunday he stirred up a hornet nest, and caused wide whispering when he blasted Senator James M. Mead, plumed-knight of [illegible] and front-running candidate for the nomination for Governor.

Speaking at a "Smash the Filibuster" meeting at the Golden Gate, the Congressman said, "we are going to build a little fire under Senator Mead."

**Was Powell Wrong?**

Local Democratic leaders, provoked by the attack on the Party's leading gubernatorial candidate, have borne down with heavy criticism of the Congressman, who hurl-

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## Little Fire 'Seen' Under Adam Powell

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ed his broadside against Mead for not attending the meeting and for what Powell charged was a passive attitude toward Senate criticism of Negroes. The Congressman, still talking about Senator Mead, said, "We cannot in anyway condone his absence."

One Harlem politico said the Congressman evidently is unaware of two things: (1) that Senator Mead was speaking in Washington on Sunday on behalf of FEPC legislation, and (2) that "certain groups are going to build a little fire under him."

"As long as we allow a very small minority—a handful of men—to maintain a strangle hold upon Democracy through the use of the un-democratic weapon of the filibuster, there is no hope nor any future for all of America," the Congressman said.

The Sunday meeting here was sponsored by the People's Committee, of which Mr. Powell is chairman. Elmer M. Carter, member of the [illegible] Commission Against Discrimination, and Congressman Vito Marcantonio.

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# OOK REVIEW

## Marching Blacks

Reviewed By
FRANK R. CROSSWAITH

MARCHING BLACKS" (Dial ess, $2.50 is supposed to be "an erpretive history of the Rise of Black Common Man". Instead, is 214 pages of inaccuracies, misrepresentations, and self-praise. In it, the author utilizes and es to claim credit for every hievement and every old slogan ng familiar to pioneering Ne- o radicals and liberals in Har- n. From the standpoint of in- curacy and misrepresentation we ll consider but a few instances. one instance, the author bra- nly belittles the work of A. Phi- Randolph and his colleagues organizing the National Negro ngress (which the Communists ter captured), and the March on ashington Movement. According this self-styled "Joshua" it as he, with the aid of some Com- unists, who was responsible for curing from the late President oosevelt Executive Order 8802 nd which resulted in the estab- shment of the FEPC. As a mat- r of fact, A. Clayton Powell, Jr. as not even a member of the ommittee that visited the White House and conferred with the President and members of his ca- inet. In his efforts to falsely praise the Communist Party and himself, the author does not even tell his readers that in order to get to the White House, our com- mittee had to pass a picket line conducted by the Communist Par- ty whose slogans at the time were "The Yanks are not Coming", "Roosevelt is a Warmonger", etc. Upon our return from Washington we had to face the open opposi- tion of the Communists and their fellow travelers. At all of our meetings they gave out handbills attacking us as "betrayers of our race" and all the other [illegible] compliments that [illegible] from Communists [illegible] not chloroform your mind or [illegible]

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According to the author, it was he who staged the first parade of protesting Negroes out of Harlem and into the lower sections of Manhattan. He conveniently forgets the marching Negroes led by A. Philip Randolph and others in 1928-29 as we battled against the mighty Pullman Company at whose head at that time stood the son of Abraham Lincoln. In that parade were some ministers (Rev. Imes and Father Bishop) but neither the Reverend Powell, Sr., nor the Reverend Powell, Jr. was among them. There is a big difference between these two parades: The one of which he writes was for the purpose of gaining publicity for certain individuals with political ambitions and objectives; while the one which he conveniently overlooks was to demonstrate the unmistakable arrival of the New Negro taking his place upon the industrial battlefield of America. The struggles, sacrifices and victories of the Trade Union Committee for Organizing Negro Workers, of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and later the constructive work of the Negro Labor Committee are the solid rocks upon which the New Negro today stands and not upon the shifting sands of religio-political fanaticism and egoism.

Another instance of gross falsehood and brazen misrepresentation is the chapter of the so-called Co-Ordinating Committee. In it the author tries to portray "Harlem Comes of Age". "The Harlem Labor Union started the ball rolling", he said, "and the Greater New York Co-Ordinating Committee had put an end to the "good old bandanna days", are some of the phrase covered lies that baldly stand out in this chapter of MARCHING BLACKS. Actually, the Co-Ordinating Committee was but one of the several attempts made by the organized merchants of Harlem to escape dealing with the legitimate trade unions affiliated with the Negro Labor the so-called "agreement" between the Harlem merchants and the Co-Ordinating Committee will show that that incident represented a real tragedy in the march of the Negro towards economic security. In [illegible] of that so-called "agreement" the Co-Ordinating Committee pledged itself to oppose "picketing" against all stores; in another, it pledged itself to work for the "elimination" of all other (?) [illegible] advocating increased wages and employment for Negroes. Anyone whose head is not in the clouds, or who is not out to capitalize on the plight of the Negro would have readily recognized the danger involved in such an "agreement". Nevertheless the author tries to present the Harlem Labor Union (union), Inc., and the Co-Ordinating Committee as having rendered useful service to Negroes in signing that agreement.

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There is another section of MARCHING BLACKS that actually brought loud and long laughter when it was read. That is the section in which the author tells of seeing, at the age of ten, a branded "P" on the back of his grandfather and how he swore to his God not to rest until he had wiped that brand from the memory of white America. That has long been the usual line of every Negro Communist and fellow traveler. Who can't recall having heard a certain Negro Communist leader (whom the author praises highly in his book), tell of seeing "his grandfather lynched by a mob?"

When the author states: "The American Federation of Labor is the greatest drawback to a developing democracy", he finally exposes himself to the ridicule and contempt of every right-thinking and fair - minded person. While it is true that there are a few units of the AF of L still steeped in prejudice and ignorance, albeit, every student of American History has long recognized the AF of L, like its predecessor, the Knights of Labor as having exercised tremendous influence for good upon American life; and interestingly enough the Negro of all minority groups, has been most benefitted by the activities of organized labor. Only a person whose profession is to describe with infinite accuracy the unknowable would be guilty of such an utterly unjustifiable statement. There are, today, some CIO unions right here in New York which, while they do not openly oppose the Negro nevertheless, cooperate whole-heartedly with racketeering individuals and organizations in order to escape the responsibility of having to place Negro members in jobs outside of Harlem. The new Negro would rather continue to fight bravely a recognized and open enemy than to face an equally dangerous foe dressed in a red robe of friendship and a banana of self-determination."

Many years ago one of New York's daily newspapers referred to this reviewer as "one of the most voracious readers in Harlem". The paper discovered that during that year I had borrowed more books from the local public library than any other resident of the area. In spite of the many books I have read, never before have I read a book so packed with misrepresentations, misinterpretations and self-laudation as MARCHING BLACKS by A. Clayton Powell, Jr. The book is not worth the paper upon which it is written, nor the time it takes to read it.

If Ananias was the author of MARCHING BLACKS, he could not have done a better job to justify the degrading epitaph that's associated with his name throughout Biblical history.

Frank R. Crosswaith is general organizer of the powerful and progressive International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, and a member of New York City Housing Authority. He is also chairman of the Negro Labor Committee which is responsible for the many, many thousands of Negro workers today enrolled in practically every AF of L and CIO union in New York where they enjoy with white workers full equality in wages, working conditions and job security.

## Weekly Honors Clayton Powell

The New Republic has placed Rep. Adam Clayton Powell on its 1945 Congressional Honor Roll for meritorious service in the House of Representatives, Bruce Bliven, editor, announced yesterday.

The magazine singled out Rep. Powell's fight against discrimination and listed his voting record from Jan. 3, 1945, until the end of that year.

In the three instances where Rep. Powell was absent from the House, the New Republic noted that they were due to illness, the death of his mother and the death of his wife's mother.

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## *Powell and Hazel Scott Buy on Riverside Drive*

The Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Harlem representative in Congress, and his wife, Hazel Scott Powell, pianist, have purchased from Albert H. Graham the ten-story apartment building at 706 Riverside Drive, at the southeast corner of 148th Street.

The property measures 99.11 by 105 feet and contains forty-nine apartments. The assessed valuation is $345,000, and the sale was made for cash above a first mortgage of $228,000 held by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, according to Mr. Graham. D. E. Smith was broker in the transaction.

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# Thousands Brave Rain to Rap War Drive

Thousands of New Yorkers yesterday braved rain and sleet to gather in Madison Square Park in a rally organized by the National Council for Soviet-American Friendship to protest the drive for World War III.

Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla) messaged the meeting:

"It is shocking that there appears today to be an organized crusade against our ally (the Soviet Union) who contributed most in blood, treasure and anguish to the defeat of our common enemy."

In another message former Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, without mentioning Winston Churchill by name, urged support of the UNO adding: "We must refrain from any indication of favoritism for any one nation or antagonism toward any nation. . . . Everyone must think of world peace instead of indulging in provocations and irritations."

Richard Morford, chairman of the meeting and executive director of the National Council, declared: "We need a foreign policy recognizing the right of the Soviet Union to security as well as ourselves."

Sono Osato, Broadway star declared that "Churchill's play of three acts, World Wars one and two, must not be permitted to enter a finale, World War Three."

Other speakers at the rally were Mrs. Elinor Gimbel, J. Raymond Walsh, radio commentator; Saul Mills, CIO leader; ex-Lieut. Sushle, and Rep. A. Clanton Powell, Jr.

Messages were sent to the rally by outstanding figures including Harold L. Ickes; Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas; Rep. Adolph J. Sabath; Sen. Glen H. Taylor.

A resolution urging President Truman to repudiate Churchill's war call and to reaffirm American-Soviet cooperation was unanimously adopted.

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# Columbia U. Students Picket Churchill Talk

"Send that bundle back to Britain, we want peace!"

That, shouted by 500 student demonstrators, was what Winston Churchill heard yesterday afternoon as his limousine entered the grounds of Columbia University. The ousted prime minister of Britain was enroute to a ceremony in which he received an honorary degree after being introduced by Carleton Hayes, notorious pro-Franco diplomat.

Earlier 1,700 Columbia students had cheered Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. (D-NY) when the Harlem congressman branded Churchill a discredited warmonger.

Two hundred police prevented the picketline from entering the University grounds, but the demonstrators, under the sponsorship of the American Youth for Democracy and the Action Committee to Free Spain Now, paraded along Broadway from 117 to 116 St. The students came directly from classes at NYU, CCNY, Hunter, Brooklyn College, Columbia and Queens. They carried banners such as "Strengthen Big Three Unity—Scrap Churchill" and shouted "Winnie, Winnie, Go Away, GI Joe Is Home to Stay!" Leaflets handed out awarding Churchill a "degree" as "Dr. of War Mongering."

At 4:30 the students went to the Soviet-American friendship rally at Madison Square Park.

The meeting in McMillian Hall where Rep. Powell spoke was sponsored by the American Veterans Committee, Columbia chapter, and the New York Collegiate Post of the American Legion.

Approval of the honor to be paid Churchill later as war-time leader, a resolution adopted by the rally stated, "is not to be constructed as approval of the policies expounded in the Fulton, Missouri speech."

The meeting, supported by the AYD and the Municipal College Veterans Council, heard authors Howard Fast and Michael Street. Columbia Professor Karl N. Llewellyn was chairman.

Powell said, that it was inconceivable to "allow ours... to be forced into a war with our great ally, Soviet Russia, without whom World War II would still be in the process of being fought."

"Churchill," Powell said, "would have us establish, in a world that has made up its mind to come together, an English-speaking dictatorship."

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# Is 'Migration' the Answer? A Review of 'Marching Blacks'

By CLAUDIA JONES

Marching Blacks, by Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., is a crusading document. As the newly-elected Congressman from the North, Dr. Powell's pen is reflective of his fearless voice. He has caught the mood and temper of the Negro people—that they are truly marching up freedom road. He reflects his recognition that their allies, particularly the CIO unionists, are to be found at their side. His is a plea that this increasing mass power must be used in all phases of American life.

The opening section of Marching Blacks dwells at some length on the fighting heritage of Negro Americans, up from slavery. The major lesson of that heritage is Powell's warning against caste disunities among the Negro people themselves. His is a plea and a recognition that inner unity among the Negro people will strengthen their cause; he notes that today, increasingly, the professionals march "with the domestic, the farmer and the mill hand." He parallels the current fight for equality, freedom and peace with the unfinished tasks of the Civil War, with fascism vs. anti-fascism!

Powell's entire book is frankly set forth as a program for Negro Americans. Particularly, in his chapter, entitled "Blacks Reborn," does the real starting point of his main thesis begin. That thesis is for mass migration of the Negro people from the South to the North.

Let it be understood, from the outset, that Powell's conclusions flow out of discussion of real problems. Here is discussed the St. Louis, Washington (D. C.), and Chicago riots which followed World War I. He recognizes that out of these incidents—in the "white heat of fury and anger"—Negroes and whites became conscious of the need for unity against the abuses of segregation and Jimcrow.

Destruction of the Scottsboro case, is, according to Dr. Powell, "one of the most significant contributions to the race problem by the Negro and white man." Of this historic case, led and initiated by Communists, Powell says it was the signal for Negroes to demand fuller integration into all phases of American life; for whites to recognize what oppression meant within their own land.

But can Powell's thesis of "Turn Ye Northward" to the Negro people of the South be viewed realistically as a solution to the issues he so effectively crusades against — Jimcrow, segregation, second-class citizenship, lynchings, economic and social inequalities?

I definitely think not. Such a solution can only serve in these days of growing economic crisis, and unemployment to bring mass disaster for millions of Negro Americans. Powell urges ten million Negroes to leave the South land. He argues that it will no mean "running away," that it will only accelerate a "natural process."

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL

One should, however, distinguish between the right to leave and flight. It is my opinion that such a "solution" means mass escapism for the millions who are chained by poverty and oppression, cannot leave.

Perhaps Dr. Powell's "song of bitterness" which prefaces his detailed plan for Northern migration of the Negro people of the South best reveals what motivated his "solution." Powell views the problems that beset the Negro people largely as one of "race" rather than that of class and national oppression.

Those progressive forces who challenge his solution recognize that only through the heightened work of the forces which Powell duly praises—the trade union movement, the Communists and the Negro people, can full freedom be achieved.

If Dr. Powell is impatient for progress, so are all true fighters for Negro rights, including the Communists, who fight for the full economic, social and political equality of the Negro people. But while viewing the fight for full freedom of the Negro people as a special question, we understand that only, as part of the over-all battle against monopoly capital, and the rulers of America, who exploit the Negro people and the working class (and are responsible for their plight) can freedom be completely achieved.

By all means then, the struggle should be accelerated. But the

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**The Rising Tide of Race Hatred Threatens America**

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# MASS MEETING AGAINST BIGOTRY

***Tonight, April 25, 8:15 P. M.***

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# 34 West Siders Hit War Drive

Thirty-four prominent residents of New York's West Side yesterday warned against the threat of a third World War in a statement issued by the Citizens Committee of the Upper West Side.

Stressing the need for unity of the Big Three at the time of the United Nations Security Council meeting, the statement said:

"Anti-Soviet hysteria created by irresponsible speeches, lurid spy scares and unconfirmed newspaper and radio reports can be designed only to promote armed conflict in a war-torn world."

Sharply criticizing Winston Churchill's speeches, the statement went on to say that: "The American people want peace, not an Anglo-American Axis. We, therefore, repudiate Winston Churchill's warmongering in this country."

In issuing the statement, Stella Holt, the committee's executive secretary said: "This propaganda for war must be counteracted by every peace-loving American. We shall make our voices heard."

The signers of the statement were:

Judge Anna Kross, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jose Ferrer, Dr. Gene Weltfish, Canada Lee, Rabbi J. X. Cohen, Rev. Charles B. Ackley, Douglass L. MacMahon, Raphael Soyer, Rev. Ben Richardson, Blanche C. Kelly, Rabbi Zev Zahavy, Fritz Mahler, William Gropan, Chaim Gross, Ray Lev, Gen. Nicholas Roodson, Dr. Bernard J. Stern, Ken Crossen, Earle Jones, Bob Russell, Minna Harkavy, Dr. Joseph I. Pascal, Alice Holdship Ware, Mrs. Belle H. Etra, Harry Grannick, Ephraim Cross, Moses Weiss, Adolph Klein, Grace Paley, Sandor Kallai, Dr. Elizabeth Fisher, Ida Guggenheimer, Max Wolff.

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# City CIO Greets 'Voice' Rally

The City CIO has sent greetings to the May 5 rally sponsored by People's Voice, Rev. Adam Clayton Powell Jr., editor of the paper, announced yesterday.

The rally, to be held at the Golden Gate, 143d St. and Lenox Ave., will stimulate support for labor's drive to organize Southern workers. It will start at 3:30 p.m. and will be preceded by a parade starting at 2 p.m. from 134th St. and Seventh Ave.

Speaking for the City CIO executive board, Saul Mills, secretary-treasurer, said:

"The People's Voice,' sponsor of the May 5 Negro Labor Unity Rally, has consistently supported all efforts to organize Negro workers into democratic unions, free of discrimination and dedicated to a better life for all. The P[illegible] is to be complimented on this effort to strengthen further the bonds between organized labor and the Negro people everywhere."

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# HARLEM WILL RUN NEGRO FOR SENATOR, LEADER AVERS

Scoring the failure of major party leaders to support the movement for a Negro State Senator from Harlem, Rev. James H. Robinson yesterday warned an independent movement would be undertaken, at a press conference in his study at the Church of the Master, 86 Morningside Ave.

In the legislative reapportionment in 1942, Harlem was split so that the four predominantly Negro assembly districts were included in three different Senate districts.

The committee to elect a Negro Senator has decided upon the 21st district, which includes the 7th assembly district, as well as the 11th and 13th, as the one which should be represented by a Negro. The incumbent is Sen. Gordon L. Novod, a Democrat.

On the committee are Rep. Adam C. Powell; Dick Campbell, director of USO Camp Shows; Rev. W. Y. Trigg, Salem Baptist Church; Charles Ford, United Mutual Insurance Co.; Dr. Sidat-Singh; J. A. Rogers, writer and historian; Mr. James Allen, Secretary of the New York State NAACP, and Mr. John H. Sanders.

Rev. Robinson stated two ALP officials were the only ones who replied to his recent letter to the major parties.

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# Democrats Back Powell

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell has been nominated as the Democratic candidate for reelection to Congress from the 22nd Congressional District, and has also been endorsed by the American Labor Party, Joseph Ford, co-leader of the 12th Assembly District announced yesterday.

Mr. Ford also said that Congressman Powell will enter the race for the Republican nomination in the June primaries. In 1944 he won Democratic, ALP, and Republican primaries.

Tammany picked Daniel Flynn to run for Congress from the 23 rd Congressional District. Flynn is now State Assemblyman from his district. Democrats are nominating Harold A. Stevens to fill Flynn's Assembly seat.

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It will be noted that this conversation concerns a discussion as to the results of the African Relief Rally held by subject organization on June 6, 1946, at Madison Square Garden. They discussed [redacted] speech of Congressman CLAYTON POWELL. It is also disclosed in this conversation that [redacted]

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# Powell Warns Ryan of Probe

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. threatened last week to hale Joe ("King") Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen Association-AFL, before an investigating committee of Congress to answer charges of flagrant discrimination against Negro longshoremen on the New York waterfronts.

This threat was made at a meeting of 300 people, sponsored by the Citizens Committee on the Problems of Negro Longshoremen, at the Salem Methodist Church, Friday evening.

White and Negro longshoremen who addressed the meeting told of systematic discrimination against Negro longshoremen directed towards "running the 'bogeys' off the waterfront."

Resolutions presented by Attorney Hope Stevens, chairman of the Manhattan Council of the National Negro Congress, were adopted calling for

- A meeting of the Citizens Committee with ILA District Council.
- Immediate action by the State Commission Against Discrimination on longshore cases filed with that agency, and
- Investigations of discrimination on the New York waterfronts by Mayor O'Dwyer and Governor Dewey.

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## Anti-Lynch Rally Set for Tonight

The CIO Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Union, Local 65 announced plans for an outdoor meeting in Harlem tonight (Saturday) to protest the lynch wave in the South.

The meeting, which will begin at 7:30 p. m., will be held at the corner of 125th St. and 7th Ave.

Among those scheduled to speak are Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Councilman Eugene Connolly, Assemblyman Hulan Jack, Rev. James Robinson (Church of the Masters) and Local 65 Organization Director David Livingston.

Petitions circulated within the ranks of the union, have already been signed by over 6,000 members of Local 65, calling upon Truman to act through a special session of Congress and through instructions to U. S. law enforcement agencies to protect the rights of citizens in the South.

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# Powell's Drive For Reelection Is Under Way

Representative Adam Clayton Powell's reelection band-wagon got under way last Thursday night with three street corner speaking stops, featuring, in addition to Powell himself, stars of the radio, stage and night club.

Crowds averaging 300 or more gathered at 124th St. and Seventh Ave.; 116th and Eighth Ave., and 125th and Lenox, to hear Powell review his congressional record which included intervention in more than 800 unfair courtmartial cases involving Negro soldiers.

Powell said, if reelected, he would sponsor a federal civil rights law to protect all minorities, particularly Negroes, from violations of their rights.

Powell was cheered when he spoke out against the Georgia lynchers.

Warning that a light vote on primary day would discourage the Negro people in the South, Powell said:

"We up here in the north have the great privilege and right to vote the way we want to. Our brothers in the South are subject to lynching and beating when they even talk about voting. If we don't get out of the house on primary day and vote, the people of the South can no longer consider us as fighting by their sides."

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# Southern Negro Youth Parley Opens Oct. 18

A reception honoring Representative ~~Adam Clayton Powell~~ and author Howard Fast, before their departure for Columbia, S. C., to address the Southern Youth Legislature, was attended by many prominent citizens, artists and leaders last night.

The Southern Negro Youth Congress will hold its 7th Conference this year in the form of a legislature. The form of the conference will dramatize its central emphasis —demand of "the unrestricted right to vote."

The conference will meet Oct. 18, 19, and 20. A call has gone to "Yesterday's warriors, young workers, farmers, students . . . young men and women, Negro and white, from the churches, schools and trade unions . . . the generation of victory, who fought a war and dreamed a dream of free citizenship in a free South in a free world."

A long list of distinguished speakers and artists will appear at the legislature.

It is expected that more than 1,000 youth leaders from every state in the South will assemble to "work out a program of struggle for the winning of the full right to vote."

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MEMO:
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Re: ADAM CLAYTON POWELL;
HAZEL SCOTT;
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While at the Manufacturers Trust Company, 711 Lexington Avenue, New York City, on another matter, the writer overheard a conversation between HAZEL SCOTT and [redacted] of the Manufacturers Trust Company. During the course of the conversation it was learned that HAZEL SCOTT cashed in $16,572.75 worth of War Savings Bonds, also that she and her husband, ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, have a joint account at this Branch, and further that she and her husband are living in White Plains, New York. Their address in White Plains was given to the bank. b7c

This memorandum is being prepared for the file on the captioned individuals in the event that it becomes necessary at some future date to examine their bank account and to determine places where they have resided.

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Special Agent

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[redacted] Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., on "Race: Hatred—or Reason." The N. 15th St., Sun., Nov. 24, 8:30 p.m. Subs 75 cents. Auspices: The Forum of the Philadelphia School.

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# City Urged to Squelch 2 Films on Racial Issue

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Representative Adam Clayton Powell, New York Democrat, called on License Commissioner Benjamin Fielding yesterday to close down the showing of *Abie's Irish Rose* at the Gotham and *Song of the South* at the Palace, charging that the films are not only "an insult to American minorities but an insult to everything that America as a whole stands for."

*Abie's Irish Rose*, the film version of the Anne Nichols comedy which ran on Broadway in the 1920s, deals with the courtship and subsequent marriage of Abie Levy and Rosemary Murphy and gets its laughs from the crowd mostly from an exaggerated version of the religious and racial characteristics attributed to the lovers' fathers, Solomon and Patrick.

*Song of the South*, at the Palace since Nov. 27, is a Walt Disney production which depicts the subservient life of Negroes in the old South

Powell was not alone in his blast against *Abie's Irish Rose*, which opened Saturday. Jimmy Fidler, in a radio broadcast Sunday night, called the picture a "black eye" on Hollywood and suggested that all Hollywood producers chip in to defray the costs of Bing Crosby Producers and take the picture out of circulation.

New York critics panned the film. PM's Cecelia Ager said it "digs up decently buried racial and religious antagonism and fumblingly sets them at each other in the name of comedy."

The *Times* reviewer called the film a "source of laughter which stems from exaggerated racial and religious prejudices," but added: "Somehow in this day one does not relish this sort of humor. In fact, it is downright embarrassing to see characters upon the screen insulting each other because one happens to be a Jew and the other an Irish Catholic."

The *Herald Tribune* said the "old jokes about the Jews and the Irish have not only been squeezed dry, but create at this stage in civilized progress a peculiar embarrassment among listeners." Even Hearst's *Journal-American* was cool to the production.

Anne Nichols, who wrote the play and the movie, retorted that it was a plea for tolerance and furthered the fight against bigotry. She said that throughout the years she had received thousands of communications from people to that effect and only recently an Army doctor who saw the film in San Francisco wrote her, "This makes my four years overseas worth while." Harry Brandt, owner of the Gotham, saw "no reason to get excited."

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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FROM : Director, FBI

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It was noted in the "People's Voice" dated November 30, 1946, that the 1946-47 Negro Handbook compiled and edited by Florence Murray, is being published by Current Books, Inc. This book is scheduled for January publication and it is requested that your office attempt to obtain a copy of this Handbook and forward it to the Bureau.

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### AND COMMERCIAL NOTICES

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF MISSING PERSONS SOUGHT THROUGH THESE COLUMNS DURING THE PAST WEEK:

Scott, Thomas Reginald
Davis, Dora
Bishop, Stephen
Ward, Mrs. Annette (nee Lanzer)
Eichik, Aksel
Knutson, William K.
Ginsberg, Philip

WILL the persons who saw a young girl struck by an automobile on Friday, Dec. 13, 1946, at about 5.30 P. M., at Avenue J and E 16 St. Brooklyn (BMT station), communicate with Clifford I. Odwak, attorney, 70 Pine St. N Y C. BOwling Green 9-[illegible]

I A. CLAYTON POWELL Jr. have resigned from the Board of Directors of the "People's Voice," 210 W 125 St, New York 27, N Y, December 1, 1946, and have severed connection with the newspaper.

MY WIFE, Muriel Morton Nicholson, has left my bed and board, will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her. Edward Nicholson, 11 East 60th St., N. Y. C.

DAVIES: Will wife and descendants of Aubrey Davies, native of Austra who resided in Manhattan, please write attorney re estate. J086 Times Downtown.

COUPLE driving Miami Jan. 10 1946 Nash seek gent, couple, share driving exchange transportation. ZR 8-9265, 9-13 P. M.

COUPLE driving Arkansas, then Los Angeles, desire man share driving exchange transportation. Jan 3-4. BU 8-7910.

GENTLEMAN driving to California desires man share driving exchange transportation. [illegible] 3-0919.

PHILIP GINSBERG, please contact your wife, Tessie Ginsberg, 2232 E 24 St. Bklyn, N Y.

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# POWELL ASKS CITY TO SHUT ABIE'S ROSE, SONG OF SOUTH

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In his telegram to Fielding, Powell attacked the two pictures as "not only an insult to American minorities, but an insult to everything that America as a whole stands for."

Abie's Irish Rose, the film version of the Anne Nichols comedy which had a long Broadway run in the Twenties lampoons the marriage of a Jewish boy to an Irish girl and is filled with caricatured Irish and Jewish sterotypes.

Song of the South glorifies the slave South and shows Negroes as being entirely satisfied with their lot. It too uses the old familiar Hollywood Negro sterotypes.

Powell has further declared his intention of introducing legislation in the 80th Congress that will prohibit the motion picture industry and all other forms of entertainment from using any material "derogatory to races, creeds, and religions."

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# Powell Leaves People's Voice

[illegible] Powell yesterday announced [illegible] of his association with the People's Voice.

[illegible] Powell [illegible] "When I was elected to Congress two years ago I thought that I would be able to carry on my [illegible] as editor-in-chief of People's Voice and chairman of the Powell-Buchanan Publishing Corp. It has [illegible] increasingly apparent this [illegible] impossible, and so about [illegible] ago I obtained a temporary leave of [illegible] as editor. This, however, [illegible] sufficient because [illegible] majority of people think of People's [illegible] [illegible] Congress [illegible] [illegible] Buchanan Publishing Corp., [illegible] but I have also sold all [illegible] very best."

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# Adam Powell Gives Up Newspapering

Representative Adam Clayton Powell Jr., announced last week that he has ended his connection with the People's Voice.

In making the statement, the Rev. Mr. Powell said, many persons considered he had a direct hand in the affairs of the paper and that he was personally responsible for its policies.

"This is not true and has not been for the past year and a half," Powell said. "Now that the 80th Congress is about to convene I am divorcing myself from all activities except Minister of the Abyssinian Baptist Church and chairman of the People's Committee."

The paper was originally organized by Powell in partnership with Charles Buchanan in 1941.

The present general manager is Doxey Wilkerson. The new editor has not been announced

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# Powell on House Labor, Education Committee

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Two New Yorkers, representatives Adam Clayton Powell and Arthur G. Klein, were among the 10 Democrats assigned by the party caucus to the House committee on education and labor today. This committee, which includes 15 Republicans, is due to act on a large number of repressive labor bills.

Remaining New York Democrats were assigned as follows:

James J. Heffernan to Armed Services; Donald L. O'Toole to banking and currency; John J. Delaney to expenditures in executive departments; Sol Bloom and Joseph L. Pfeifer to Foreign Affairs; Benjamin J. Rabin to Interstate and Foreign Commerce; Emanuel Celler and William T. Byrne to Judiciary; Eugene J. Keogh and Leon F. Rayfiel to Merchant Marine and Fisheries; Andrew L. Somers to Public Lands; Clarence A. Buckley to Public Works.

The Democratic caucus refused to assign Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY) to any committee, contending that as an independent he must look to the majority party for an assignment. The Republicans passed the buck because Marcantonio was elected with the Democratic party nomination as well as that of ALP.

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# Powell Files Anti-Lynching Measure in New Congress

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—One of the first bills introduced into this session of Congress was an anti-lynching measure by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, the fighting Negro of New York. The bill makes lynching a crime, holds state and federal employes responsible for preventing lynchings, gives the Attorney General power to investigate and provides for payment of $2,000 to $10,000 to the next of kin of victims.

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State or federal employes who fail to protect lynch victims would be punished with fines of $5,000 and imprisonment of five years. The Attorney General is granted the power to sue in U. S. District Court in behalf of next to kin claimants to compensation. The action, however, could not be taken within the territorial jurisdiction of defendant governmental divisions.

"Fifteen million Negroes are carefully watching along with millions of democracy-loving whites —all watching to see that a real program protecting the civil rights of American citizens is instituted," Powell commented.

"The next move is up to the Republicans," he said, because the GOP now controls Congress with a clear cut majority.

Powell introduced his bill as Anti-Lynch Crusaders visited Congressmen and Senators demanding passage of a measure with teeth in

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# POWELL EDGES TOWARD RIGHT

## Harlem Congressman Ends Some Ties With Reds.

Special to THE NEW YORK SUN.
The New York Sun Bureau,
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American Communists may be losing another friend in Congress, it appears today on the basis of several recent political moves on the part of Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Representative for New York's Twenty-second District, who has a long record as a fellow traveler.

The first apparent break in Powell's fondness for the Reds occurred several weeks ago when the Negro Congressman resigned from the Peoples' Voice, a Communist front organization, which is, according to Powell's executive secretary in Washington, "loaded with pro-Moscow party members." The Congressman, who has as yet made no statement concerning the possibility of a shift in political allegiance, nevertheless has permitted a spokesman in his House office to state that he is "easing up on his work for the Popular Front movement."

A short time after Powell publicly severed connections with the Communist group he attended a political shop talk session in Gracie Mansion, along with Mayor O'Dwyer and two Tammany Hall district leaders of Harlem, Joseph Pinckney and Joseph E. Ford. Powell's office in Washington said that this session, in which Powell announced his support of Frank J. Sampson for the Tammany leadership, "put him in a stronger patronage position in New York." From this action it is being deduced here that New York Democrats are taking Powell back under their wing after the Negro Representative had strayed all over the political lot.

**Catching Up With November.**

Powell has played politics with the Democrats off and on and consistently with the American Labor party, although during the Seventy-ninth Congress he listed himself as a member of Mr. Truman's party. Prior to the November campaign he was defeated for the Republican nomination in the primaries by Grant Reynolds, Negro clergyman.

Some observers here are inclined to the belief that the November political wind that blew across New York State is just catching up with Powell. Others who have noticed the silence of Representative Vito Marcantonio and Claude Pepper of the Senate, since the 80th Congress started work, are satisfied to wait to see how much longer the left-wingers keep quiet before determining how thorough a lesson they learned in November.

Powell is a great and good friend of Philip Murray, president of the C. I. O., and apparently, on labor legislation on Federal controls, took his marching orders from the C. I. O. boss. Murray, already battling Red encroachment in the C. I. O., may still be leading Powell and other pro-Communist party liners out of the Moscow maze.

The C. I. O. weekly, in which the unions propaganda gets an airing, is filled usually with the pro-leftist writings of several party line columnists. Usually, however, they have a good word to say about Murray, but recently the C. I. O. president's name has been hard to find in any of their writings. It is known that Murray and several other top C. I. O. officials have split on the Communist issue with other officers of the union organization.

Powell is an alert leader, sensitive to the political drift of his people. With Republican party enrollment in New York city doubled since 1945, the Congressman is evidently aware that many of his constituents now sit on the other side of the fence. This, and the general shift away from the Reds, a maneuver usually accompanied with expressions of alarm and surprise at finding them under the bed, accounts for any change of heart on Powell's part, if such is the case today. Future political utterings, however, will be the real test and not the fence mendings under way at present in New York and elsewhere.

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**Map Freeport Strategy:** The New York Committee for Justice in Freeport plans action in the $47,500 damage suits against the village of Freeport, L. I., by surviving relatives of Pfc. Charles Ferguson, Negro soldier, and his brother Alfonso who were shot down by a Freeport policeman last February. (l. to r.) Stanley Faulkner, attorney; Congressman A. Clayton Powell, chairman of the committee; Joseph Ferguson and Dorothy Lampkin, secretary of the committee.

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# Sue Freeport In Cop Killing Of Fergusons

Papers in a $47,500 damage suit were filed against the village of Freeport, L.I. yesterday by members of the Ferguson family. The suit charges municipal responsibility for the police killing last February of Pfc. Charles Ferguson, Negro soldier, and his brother, Alfonso.

Filing suit were Richard and Joseph Ferguson, their mother, Mrs. Alma Ferguson, and the widow of Charles, Mrs. Minnie Ferguson.

Congressman A. Clayton Powell, Jr., chairman of the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport which assisted the complainants in preparing the suit, said, "To win any part of this case will mean a tremendous victory far beyond Freeport. It will establish municipal responsibility for police brutality against any person because of prejudice."

In four separate actions, damages are asked against the village for the killing of Pfc. Charles Ferguson, Negro soldier, and his brother, Alfonso; the false arrest, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution of Richard and the wounding of Joseph Ferguson by Policeman Joseph Romeika, Feb. 8, 1946, in Freeport, L. I. The brothers were still in uniforms of the U. S. armed forces.

The Army, Navy and civilian courts officially exonerated the brothers of any wrong-doing.

Stanley Faulkner, New York City attorney, drew the briefs and is preparing to handle the case for the Ferguson family. The papers were filed today with George F. Hasbrouck, Freeport village clerk.

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# Ministers and Citizens to Sponsor Dinner For Congressman Powell

The Baptist Minister's Conference of Greater New York and Vicinity; The Interdenominational Minister's Meeting and a number of representative citizens' organizations have united in a Citizens' Committee to tender Congressman Adam Clayton Powell Jr., a Testimonial Dinner on Wednesday evening, March 19, 1947 at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 42nd Street, New York City.

Congressman Powell has been the spearhead of many progressive movements and has sought the enactment of progressive legislation toward the betterment of the economic, social, political and religious welfare of the people. He has demonstrated his ability as a freshman Congressman in getting the first piece of legislation passed by any Negro Congressman from the East since the days of Reconstruction. By a vote of 230 to 106 the Powell Amendment to the Federal Aid School Lunch Bill was passed and signed by the President of the United States. It provides that no state which practiced discrimination in its distribution of lunches for school children should be permitted to share in the Federal allotment.

Congressman Powell will be honored by a cross section of the citizens of New York with the ministers spearheading the Testimonial. It will not be a political dinner nor a partisan honor; but an expression of the citizens of New York, irrespective of political affiliations.

Among the many sponsors of the Testimonial Dinner are the Rev. Walter S. Pinn, President of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Greater New York and Vicinity; the Rev. C. Asapansa-Johnson, President of the Interdenominational Ministers' Meeting; the Rev. Sandy F. Ray, Pastor of Corner Stone Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, is Chairman of the United Committee with the Rev. Joshua Edward Licorish, Pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, as Co-Chairman; Rev. Henry G. Jones, Pastor of the Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, Ridgewood, New Jersey, Secretary; the Rev. [illegible] Perry, pastor of the Union Congregational Church, Assistant Secretary; the Rev. Charles Young Trigg, Pastor of the Salem Methodist Church, Treasurer; and the Rev. David N. Licorish, Director of Public Relations for the New England Baptist Missionary Convention; Chairman of Promotion, Program and Publicity. Other prominent citizens and organizations participating are: Bishop R. C. Lawson, Refuge Church of Christ; Rev. George L. Payne, Pastor of Victory Baptist Church, Bronx, Rev. O. Clay Maxwell, Jr., Rev. Frank Dixon, Chairman of Finance, Commissioner Samuel Battle, Commissioner Ray Jones.

Assemblyman William Andrews, Judge Charles Rony, Dr. Lawrence Reddick, Dr. Farrow Allen, Charles Buchanan, Ross B. Haynes, Miss Ruth De Kalb, Walther Garland, Jawn A. Sandifer, Bill Robinson, Noble Sissle, Ralph Cooper, M. Odell Clark Rev. Ralph H. Rowse, Dr. Godfrey Nurse, Dr. Charles A. Petioni, Harrison S. Jackson, Atty. Lucille E. Chance, Hon. Joseph E. Ford, Angelina Blocker, Lenerto Roberts, Donelann J. Phillips, Richard Roquemore, Glester Hinds, Hon. J. Finley, Wilson, Mrs. Albertal T. Kline, James Edward Allen, Acy Lennon, Walter B. Williams, Hon. James J. Pemberton, Atty. Hulan Jack, Mrs. Lucille Pickett, Mrs. Ann Perry, Mrs. Lucille Pitler, Edna Mae Crenshaw, Mrs. Rebecca Austin, John Harmon, Miss Amy White, Miss Glendolyn Jones, Farrow Allen, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Dr. James W. Thornlow, Dr. Ethelred Brown, Dr. Marshall Ross, and many more prominent citizens.

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# Assails Truman Snub to Powell

President Truman's snub of Rep. Adam Clayton Powell drew the fire yesterday of Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, who saw it as ". . . an insult to the Negro people of Har-

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lem." Engraved invitations had gone out last week to every member of the 80th Congress except Powell to attend a White House reception.

In Washington and New York the incident was seen as Truman's way of getting even with Powell, who had previously referred to Mrs. Truman as "the last lady of the land." Powell's statement came when Mrs. Truman accepted an invitation from the Daughters of the American Revolution to be guest of honor at a tea.

The DAR had just barred Hazel Scott, pianist and wife of the Congressman, from giving a recital in Constitution Hall.

When Virginia Gardner, reporter for the People's Voice, called the White House about the matter, Eben Ayers, assistant Presidential adviser, told her, "The Congressman was not invited. We have no comment."

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# Announce Speakers For Powell Banquet

Among those scheduled to speak at the Ministers, Trade Unions and Citizens Committees' Testimonial To Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., on Wednesday, March 19, 1947, at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 W. 43rd St., are: The Honorable William O'Dwyer, Mayor of The City of New York, Congressman Emanuel Cellers, Congressman Sol Bloom, Rev. Clarence C. Smith, member of Pennsylvania Legislature, Dr. Marshall L. Shepard, U. S. Recorder of Deeds, Rev. Walter S. Pinn, president, Baptist Ministers' Conference of Greater N. Y. and Vicinity; The Rev. C. Asapansa Johnson, president, Interdenominational Ministers' Conference of Greater N. Y. and Vicinity; The Rev. D. N. Licorish, Assistant Minister, Abyssinian Baptist Church; Walter White, Executive Secretary, NAACP; Rev. George H. Sims, president, Empire State Baptist Convention; Dr. Thomas S. Harten, Regional Director, National Baptist Convention. Music by Miss Daisy Harding and entertainment by Bill Robinson, Ralph Cooper and Lou Swars; Howard T. Dooron, accompanist.

The Rev. Sandy F. Ray pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church and The Rev. Joshua E. Licorish, pastor, Church of The Redeemer (Methodist), Chairman and Co-Chairman, respectively, will preside at the dinner.

Dinner—$7.50 per plate. Tables seating 10 persons may be reserved. All reservations must be made before March 15th at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 W. 138th St.

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Reference is made to Bureau letter cautioned as above dated December 26, 1946, for your office in which you were requested to obtain a copy of the book entitled "1946-47 Negro Handbook" and forward same to the Bureau. In view of the fact that the Bureau has failed to receive this book to date, it is thought that the following information might be of assistance to you in obtaining a copy.

It is reported that this book is published by Current Books, Inc.-- A. A. Wyn of 23 West 47th Street, New York 19, New York.

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# Powell Denies Red Charges

NEW YORK—At a testimonial dinner in his honor last week Congressman Adam Clayton Powell Jr. denied that he is a Communist, and charged that the present Republican Congress is "far worse than any Congress ever controlled by Southern Democrats."

He was given a scroll in recognition of his services, by the Baptist Ministers Conference of New York and vicinity, and the Interdenominational Ministers Meeting. The dinner was attended by more than eight hundred persons at the Hotel Diplomat.

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## Powell to Talk in Cambridge, Md.

CAMBRIDGE, Md., April 8.—Congressman A. Clayton Powell, Jr., will speak here this Saturday. The meeting will be sponsored by the CIO Food and Tobacco Workers, which is organizing the 2,000 Phillips Co. workers here.

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# Federal Jury Indicts Dennis, Josephson

WASHINGTON, April 30 (UP).—Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party, and Leon Josephson, attorney, were indicted by a federal grand jury today on charges of contempt of Congress. Both were accused of failing to obey subpenas issued for their appearance before the House Un-American Activities Committee during its "investigation of Communism."

[Dennis, in a letter to the House Un-American Committee, rejected the committee's summons to testify because, he charged, the committee was illegally constituted and a threat to civil liberties.]

They face a maximum penalty of a year in jail and a $1,000 fine each. In addition, the committee has asked the Department of Justice to investigate them with a view to further prosecution.

Josephson was cited on two counts—for failure to appear before the committee here March 5, and for refusing to testify before a subcommittee sent to New York.

Dennis specifically was cited for failing to reappear at an April 9 committee hearing.

Reps. Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY) and Adam C. Powell, Jr. (D-NY) cast the only dissenting votes when the House voted the citation against Josephson, and Marcantonio alone opposed Dennis' citation. He protested that the House, by indirection, was attempting to outlaw "political party."

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# Timely Topics

—By EARL BROWN

A first clas political war is brewing in Harlem. Most of the incumbent, pipepeak Tammany district leaders will be opposed in the primaries next July, and it is believed that they will all be defeated. The reason for the war is that Mayor O'Dwyer and Frank Sampson, leader of Tammany Hall, who were successful in ousting the Loughlin-Neal-Stand gang from control of Tammany, are anxious to get rid of the anti-O'Dwyer-Sampson leaders in Harlem.

Unfortunately, the pro-O'Dwyer-Sampson men about to be tapped to run against the present batch of district leaders are about as weak as they are. For example, Carson DeWitt Baker is planning to run against Joseph Ford in the lower half of the 12th Assembly District. It would be difficult to find a weaker candidate for the position with the possible exception of Mr. Ford himself. Cecil Carter has been picked to run against Guy R. Brewer, a kind of self-appointed leader, in the upper half of the 12th A. D., and one of the Dickens boys is being prepped to oppose Joseph Pinckney in the 11th. Down in the 14th, which was formerly ruled by the late, colorful Jim Pemberton, a knock-out-drag-out fight is already in progress with no discernible winner in view. It is believed, however, that "Mott Shavers," long-time laborer in the vineyard of local politics, will get the nod from Tammany and will probably win.

Mr. Brown

### Political War Brewing

The fight against Ford in the 12th is, in effect, a fight against Congressman Adam Pow. ll. Ford is his man "Friday." Congressman Powell is heartily disliked by the Tammany leaders and a move is afoot to clip his wings once and for all. Not only are the Democrats out to throttle Congressman Powell, but the American Labor Party and other left-wing groups are also about to drop him.

Both the Democrats and the A.L.P., however, are in a funk to find some one to oppose Congressman Powell; but because he has become undesirable to both of them neither of them wants him any longer. The Communists, a strong core of the left-wingers in Harlem, made a survey of the 22nd Congressional District about a year ago to determine Congressman Powell's strength and popularity. Their plan was to run Councilman Ben Davis against him in the primaries. They found out, however, that Powell was still to strong for Davis to "take," so they decided not to run him against the preacher-politico.

### Communists Eye Congress

Now, however, the Communists are convinced that Powell's strength has waned and that he can be defeated by a strong candidate. They are undecided whether they will run Davis or Paul Robeson against him. Because of Robeson's great popularity, it is believed that he will get the left-wing designation instead of Davis, in spite of the latter's long and hard work in Harlem throughout the years.

Hovering in the background in all the political deals and maneuvers in Harlem is J. Raymond Jones, Commissioner of Housing and Building and Tammany leader of the 13th A. D. The most powerful colored politician of all time in Harlem, Commissioner Jones is attempting valiantly to build up a strong pro-O'Dwyer, pro-civic organization in that section. But it is difficult to see how he can do it with the notoriously weak calibre of men currently leading the Democratic party in Harlem. It is a case of a sow's ear and a silk purse.

### Thinks Harlem "May Benefit"

But politicians must work with whomever and whatever they have at hand. Therefore, Commissioner Jones, determined to carry out Mayor O'Dwyer's edict to clean up Harlem and make it a better place to live in, is doing his level best with the tools he has at hand.

It is possible that Harlem may derive some good out of the churrent political squabble. Whatever it may get, however, depends entirely upon Mayor O'Dwyer's determination to help improve conditions in Harlem and Commissioner Jones' efforts in this regard. But neither man can hope to succeed unless the people of Harlem roll up their sleeves and work with them to help Harlem help itself.

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# Powell Fought House Ban On UNRRA $$

A house measure seeking to prevent communist distribution of American relief funds in foreign countries, was opposed recently by Rep. Adam C. Powell Jr., New York 22nd District Democrat.

The move, an amendment to a $200 million relief bill, denies relief assistance to Communist-dominated countries except where American supervisors are permitted to control distribution of supplies down to local levels.

Spokesmen for the measure held that UNRRA funds, 70 percent of which were supplied by the United States, were used by Communists to force their form of government upon war devastated countries. They declared the measure would "relieve suffering, avert death and starvation and disease of people who are innocent. . . and at the same time avoid subsidizing the Soviet Government."

Powell's effort to defeat the measure was unsuccessful. The House favored the amendment by a vote of 324 to 75.

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# Physician States Congressman May Be Ill For Months

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. is seriously ill,

The clergical Congressman, Democratic Representative from the 22nd District and pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church was struck by a sudden severe heart attack while on his way from his Westchester home to his New York office Monday.

The attack was an exacerbation of an old heart condition from which the Congressman has suffered several times in the past.

Dr. W. Adrian Freeman, Mr. Powell's personal physician, was called from his office 128 West 138th street to a drug store on Dyckman street in uptown Manhattan to attend the legislator who fainted several times while being returned to his home.

Discussing Mr. Powell's condition in an exclusive statement to THE NEW YORK AGE at presstime, Dr. Freeman said:

"This was an exacerbation of an old heart condition from which he has suffered several times in the past. It is our opinion that this condition will necessitate Dr. Powell's being confined to his New York residence indefinitely."

While declining to identify the type of heart condition, pending the results of an electro-cardiogram taken by Dr. Neville Whiteman, cardiac specialist, Dr. Freeman said it appeared to him that it might be what was called a "soldier heart." This, he indicated, would probably result in curtailment of all Mr. Powell's activities for months to come and might even prevent him from returning to Congress.

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—END JIM CROW IN WASHINGTON—

## Powell, Ill, Quits Freedom Rally

NEW YORK—In a statement to the press last week, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell Jr. announced through his attorney, Harrison J. Jackson of 200 West 135th Street, that due to illness he will no longer spearhead the Negro Freedom Rally, scheduled to be held at Madison Square Garden June 16.

The statement explained that the Congressman's physician had ordered him to take complete rest indefinitely and had advised him to leave the city.

In his stead, the rally is now being managed, operated and controlled by the Negro Freedom Rally and Neil Scott, coordinator.

On a motion by Congressman Emanuel Celler, Representative Powell has officially been given an indefinite leave of absence from Congress because of his present illness. The Abyssinian Baptist Church, of which he is pastor, has also extended him an indefinite leave of absence.

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# Powell Granted Congress Leave

Representative Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., was officially granted an indefinite leave of absence from Congress because of his present illness, following a motion by Congressman Emanuel Celler in Washington this week.

Simultaneously with the "leave of absence from Congress" announcement a statement on Monday by Powell's attorney, Harrison S. Jackson, reported that the Harlem Congressman had been "extended an indefinite leave of absence from his duties as pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church," and "will no longer spearhead the Negro Freedom Rally, which is to be held at Madison Square Garden on June 16." Both decisions, said Jackson, are "due to the Congressman's sudden illness, from which he is recuperating but not rapidly enough to assume any work."

Last week Congressman Powell was stricken by a heart attack, and his physician ordered complete rest for an indefinite period and further advised him to "leave the city."

**Drops Rally Chairmanship**

The Congressman was originally billed as the spearhead of the forthcoming Negro Freedom Rally, which

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## Powell Granted Congress Leave

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will air mass pleas for a greater share of democracy for America's largest minority. The announcement means, Jackson told the Amsterdam News, "that Powell completely disassociates himself from the rally," and that "the Rally is now being managed, operated and controlled by the Negro Freedom Rally, and Neil Scott, co-ordinator."

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# ANM-Powell 'Squabble' Continues

The charges Representative A. C. Powell Jr. leveled against the African Nationalist Movement and James Lawson, resulting in a court order restraining the ANM from picketing Abyssinian Church, brought a sweeping denial from Lawson in answer, plus counter charges against Powell.

Lawson's answer, filed to Supreme Court Justice Edward R. Koch, opposed Powell's application to restrain him, (1) as a matter of law and (2) he claimed that "the plain-

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# ANM-Powell 'Squabble' Continues

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tiffs (Powell) are not entitled to relief, for they do not come into Court with clean hands, and by their own conduct, they have created a provocative situation not conducive to a proper spiritual worship in the Temple of God."

Denying that he had threatened to picket Powell's church May 18, Lawson in his answer to the court's restraining order, said that by his answer he hoped to expose the communistic tinge of Powell and would seek the right of free speech and orderly discussion.

**How Fuss Started**

The controversy arose out of Powell's chairmanship of the Negro Freedom Rally to be held in Madison Square Garden, June 16. The ANM is against the rally because Powell, whom they have been fighting for some time, is on the planning committee. They say it is only a political rally. They are also against it because several whites are on the committee, a philosophy alien to ANM ideology.

In his answer Lawson charged that Powell had been using his own church to issue political literature and asserted that "such actions call for answers and orderly discussions in a similar manner." He submitted to the court a letter, written on the official stationery of Abyssinian Church, in which Powell was asking his members to support the rally to be held in the Garden.

Lawson also claimed that Powell has done acts to intimidate and restrain his liberty, charging that during the week before May 18 a police captain visited him at his place of work and warned him to remain away from Abyssinian the following Sunday.

**Issues "Red" Charges**

Claiming that the Negro Freedom Rally would be nothing more than a communistic rally and a political soapbox for Adam Powell, the ANM has said that it would not support it in any fashion and will picket the Garden June 16.

In Lawson's answer he said that the New York Times of April, 1941, reported that Powell addressed a rally financed by the Communists and was on the same platform with Harry Bridges. He charged that Powell's church has become a "forum for Congressional and political demonstrations."

"You cannot ride spiritual and political horses at the same time," Lawson said.

Meanwhile, Powell is in seclusion, having suffered from a heart attack, Monday, May 19, and it is not known whether he will appear at the rally or not. Later reports say he is resting comfortably.

# Powell's Condition Serious

## Stricken By Heart Ailment

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Democratic congressman from the 22nd district and pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church, was stricken on Monday with a severe heart attack according to his family physician, Dr. Adrian Freeman.

On his way down by car from his Westchester home with his wife, Hazel Scott Powell, the young Congressman was stricken in a drug store on Dykeman St., and Seaman Ave.

Rev. Powell

According to his family physician and a heart specialist, Dr. Freeman as to whether Rev. Powell would be able to take part in the Negro Freedom Rally, on whose sponsoring committee he is serving as chairman, brought a "no comment" answer. During the past week, a great amount of dissension has been raised as to the theme of this year's rally. On Sunday, in fact, members of the African Nationalist movement were only stopped from picketing Powell's Church following the issuance of a restraining injunction.

On Tuesday, Dr. Freeman issued the following statement concerning the Congressman's condition:

"Congressman A. C. Powell, Jr., Democratic representative of the 22nd district, New York, suffered a sudden and severe heart attack while on his way to his office, Monday morning, May 19.

This was an exacerbation (more severe recurrence) of an old heart condition which he suffered with several times in the past.

Dr. Neville Whiteman, heart specialist, has been called in consultation. It is our opinion that this condition will necessitate Dr. Powel remaining in his New York residence indefinitely."

**Can't Receive Visiters**

Mrs. Powell, who was in the car with her husband at the time of the attack, was en route to the

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Roxy Theatre, where she was to finish the last day of her appearance. It was necessary, she stated, for him to pull over to the curb, and for her continue to the theatre to complete her engagement in another car.

Mrs. Powell added that she and the Congressman are staying at 435 Convent during this period of his illness, which is so serious that he has been ordered to receive no visitors.

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# Congressman Powell Not To Spearhead Negro Freedom Rally

"Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., will no longer spearhead the Negro Freedom Rally, which is to be held at Madison Square Garden on June 16th, due to his sudden illness from which he is recuperating but not rapidly enough to assume any work. His physician has ordered complete rest for an indefinite period and further advised him to leave the city."

With that statement, Harrison S. Jackson, of 200 West 135th street, attorney for Congressman Powell, on Monday put at rest rumors that the fiery minister - politician would arise from a sick bed and make a dramatic entry into the Garden the night of the rally, or failing that would deliver his speech via telephone.

As to the rally itself, Attorney Jackson said that it "is now being managed, operated and controlled by the Negro Freedom Rally, and Neil Scott, coordinator."

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## About Adam Powell Jr., Beggars and Scavengers

Sir: Also the scalawag Adam Powell has been brought into the proper light. Powell affiliated himself with subversive elements to further his own political ambitions. Due to federal action, his cohorts are now crawling beneath the mud, and now he is attempting to rally support for ris political aspirations, somewhere else.

But we blacks whose thoughts are of blacks as they should be, are quite aware of what Deacon Powell is attempting to execute.

### About Clean-Up Drive

It is high time we began to think as nationalist ex-blackmen. I believe that someday Africa will stretch her arms and enclose within its bosom all its children wherever they may be. That will be the day when true blackmen will wreak havoc on blacks who have exploited us for the benefit of our so-called white brothers.

We are not beggars or scavangers, but we have been duped into this vile circumstance and path which we are now treading. If we black citizens of Harlem want a clean community, let us make ourselves responsible for it. The people of our community who are screaming about a general clean-up are the same individuals who loused it up. I am living proof of this.

I am a member of that balck race. Born and raised in New York—as proud as I am of my racial history. It is most essential that I give constructive criticism and recognize the faults of the people within the community.

### Offers Suggestion

Let us awaken ourselves. Accept responsibility for our existence here on earth as well as in the community. Blackmen have fought nature and man once before and won. Nothing stands in our way except an unwillingness to assume responsibility for our destiny.

This age can be correctly called "the age of the great climax." Destiny is again knocking at our door. Let us live and die no more cowards in the sight of God, our children and posterity.

JAMES B. HALE

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## Powell Suffers Second Heart Attack

Congressman A. Clayton Powell collapsed yesterday of a heart attack traveling to his Long Island home. It was the second attack the Harlem Congressman has suffered in recent months. He was taken to Dr. Keller's hospital at West Hampton Beach, L. I.

Powell, against the advice of his doctor, recently appeared before the Military Affairs Committee in Washington to oppose the National Military Bill. The trip and his work as pastor of the Abyssinian Church here is believed to have taxed his strength.

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# Say Adam Powell Evaded PR Stand

By Carl Dunbar Lawrence

Rather than risk losing any political strength, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell eagily ducked going on record for or against Proportional Representation during the recent campaign and, for the first time in his public career, was so quiet that many of his close aides are now convinced that he is again making "organization" love to the powers that be in Tammany Hall.

Powell

This was plainly evident Tuesday as thousands of voters began flocking to the polls to express themselves on PR, realizing at the same time that their Congressman had failed to make his position known.

At a time when the Harlem Democratic leaders were looking around in the apparent hope that the Rev. Powell would speak out in opposition to Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, who repeatedly declared that the voters should keep the controversial PR system of electing municipal legislators, the Congressman cased out of town en route to Hollywood and other points on the West Coast where he joined Mrs. Hazel Scott Powell on her concert tour.

Davis

**Left No Statement**

He left no prepared statement behind, a secretary at Abyssinian Church explained, and there was some doubt as to whether Powell would return to the city in time to vote.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune denied to reporters in Washington that she was planning to enter the congressional race here.

— Doles

An Associated Negro Press dispatch quoted Mrs. Bethune as saying: "I have no political ambitions of any kind and have never even considered seeking any kind of office."

"This talk of my running for Congress from New York is pure bosh," Mrs. Bethune added emphatically. "Whether I registered as a Democrat or Republican is of no concern to the public. I regard that as a personal matter."

Although Councilman Davis and other leftwing leaders declined to comment on the Rev. Powell's failure to participate in the campaign by coming out in favor of retaining PR, it was being whispered here and there that the Congressman may regret all this next year.

**Davis May Run**

Davis, it was suggested in week-end clubhouse reports has never said that he would not be a candidate and, if the voters of Harlem support his stand, it is believed that the Councilman will eventually decide to toss his congressional campaign hat in the ring.

One candidate for Powell's seat, John T. Doles Jr., was scheduled to announce his candidacy formally on Thursday afternoon.

"I did not want to inject my name before the election was over," Atty. Doles said, "because I thought it would tend to divert the attention of the voters at a time when they had something more important to think about. I intend to make my position clear later this week."

**Doles Speaks Up**

Elsewhere, it was learned that Doles had decided to enter next year's primary election as long ago as July 1st. His principal backers are not known, however.

Some observers claim that the young lawyer enjoys excellent relations with City Hall, others say he will be sponsored by a coalition of business and labor chiefs. It is understood also that Doles is a member of Congressman Powell's own club, the Witoka.

American Labor and Liberal party leaders were flayed by the New York organizer of the Socialist Workers Party on the eve of the voting for allegedly abandoning the fight for the 5-cent subway fare in return for Mayor O'Dwyer's reported neutrality on the matter of PR.

"If such a deal has actually been made," organizer George Clarke wrote in an open letter, "then you have reduced the struggle to save PR to a meaningless squabble in the eyes of the people of New York."

Biggest clubhouse news on the Republican front this week was the Central Republican Club's announcement that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey might by the principal speaker at the testimonial dinner in honor of GOP leader Sidney E. Davis.

The affair is scheduled for Friday evening of next week at Smalls' Paradise. Davis, a vice president of the New York County Republican Committee, was reelected leader of the 11th A. D. Republican organization in a spirited campaign last August.

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# Rep. Powell Back on Job

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell will make his first public appearance in Harlem since his recent illness, Sunday, Jan. 4, 3 p.m., at the Golden Gate, 142nd St. and Lenox Ave. The meeting will have as its theme "The High Cost of Living, More and Better Jobs and Better Housing."

Singled out for specific action have been the Rheingold Beer Co., which has no Negro employees in Harlem; Silver Cup Bread Co., which has no Negro distributing truck drivers, and the Bordens and Sheffield milk companies.

The meeting is being called by the People's Committee, the United Small Business Association, the Congress of American Women, the Consolidated Tenant's League, and the Women's Action Committee.

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# West Side Poll Shows Majority for Wallace

A straw poll of nearly 9,000 persons on Manhattan's West Side showed that more than half would vote for Henry A. Wallace on a third party ticket in 1948, it was disclosed yesterday. Five chapters of the Progressive Citizens of America conducted the poll Saturday afternoon between the area of 59th and 116th streets on Broadway.

Of the 8,911 persons polled, the results were:

5,502 for Wallace
1,221 against Wallace
[redacted] undecided

The voters were given a ballot which read: Would you vote for Wallace on a third party ticket in 1948? Three boxes on the ballot called for a yes, no or undecided check.

NO UNDUE INFLUENCE

The pollakers were extremely careful not to influence the decision and the 150 persons involved in the canvass noted that the greatest enthusiasm for Wallace came from Negroes, young people and workers. Many of those who indicated they were against Wallace were vociferous in their opposition and told Wallace and the poll-takers to "go back to Russia."

Many of the citizens polled asked the question whether Wallace's entry into the race might not result in the election of Sen. Robert Taft.

Wallace also received an absolute majority in another poll taken by Estelle M. Sternberger, WLIB commentator. She asked her listeners for their presidential preferences and found that Wallace was tops with 569 votes, Truman with 142, Stassen with 105, Eisenhower with 72, Taft with 36, Warren with 22, Pepper with 12, MacArthur with 11 and 142 were undecided.

CONSIDERS CANDIDACY

On the vice presidential side, Democratic Sen. Glen Taylor in a exclusive interview in the current issue of Union Voice said he would "consider" running on a third party ticket. The trade union paper is the organ of seven CIO locals in the city.

Interviewed by Irving Rabbitzer, Taylor declared that while he had not yet discussed the matter of running with Wallace, he added, "of course I would consider it." Taylor has already been quoted in the press as being "honored" because Wallace considered him a "marvelous" choice.

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Harlem Democrat, joined the band of Wallace attackers by calling his candidacy "unwise." If Wallace hadn't announced his candidacy, the Republicans would have been forced to run Eisenhower, Powell claimed.

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# Powell Denounces 125th Street Picket Campaign As Phony; Plans Own Fight; Endorses Eisenhower

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# Rep. A. Clayton Powell Hints He Won't Run for Re-Election

By Abner W. Berry

Congressman A. Clayton Powell (D-ALP-NY) in an interview with the Daily Worker Saturday, hinted that he might not run to succeed himself this year. Rep. Powell, the first Negro to represent New York in Congress, said he was "against Truman" and for a third party in 1952 "if the Democratic and Republican parties let the people down this year."

We interviewed him in the office of the Abyssinia Baptist Church, in Harlem, of which the Congressman is pastor. Written questions were submitted by this reporter Rep. Powell answered in his own handwriting. The questions and answers follow:

Q. Are you definitely breaking with the Democratic Party?

A. I am against Truman UNLESS the Republican candidate is worse.

Q. Will you run for Congress in 1948?

A. I will run if there is a likelihood of a political hack being forced on the people by either party. (The Congressman did not enlarge on this, but it seemed implicit that he would retire in favor of a progressive candidate.)

Q. As a candidate, would you split endorsements as between the Presidential candidate and local candidates endorsed by independents?

A. Yes.

Q. Would you support state and Congressional candidates endorsed by Wallace followers?

A. Not necessarily.

Q. Would you accept third party support in view of your Jan. 4 speech? (On Jan. 4, Rep. Powell had called Wallace's candidacy "unwise" and announced his support of Eisenhower as the Republican candidate.)

A. Gladly, as in the past.

Q. What possibility has Eisenhower of securing the GOP nomination?

A. I don't know.

Q. Would you support the GOP ticket from top to bottom if Eisenhower won nomination?

A. No. Only progressives.

Q. What differences [illegible] with the Amsterdam News and the Consumers Protective League? (The Congressman had criticized both groups in his Jan. 4 speech.)

A. No comment.

Q. Are you opposed to a third party in principle?

A. No.

Q. In your opinion, under what conditions could a third party successfully be developed?

A. If the Republican and Democrat parties let the people down this year, then build a third party for '52.

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Annual State Reception

# Powell Snubbed 2nd Time by President

WASHINGTON—(ANP) — President Truman again snubbed Rept. Adam Clayton Powell Jr. by failing to invite him to attend the annual State reception given at the White House Tuesday night.

The traditional reception given for members of the Senate and House turned out to be somewhat of a flop, as far as numbers were concerned. Only about one-half of the invited guests were present.

**DAWSON ABSENT**

Rep. William L. Dawson was also conspicuously absent. He attributed his absence to the fact that a recent death in his wife's family had prevented them from accepting any social invitations lately.

Congressman Powell was not invited either this year or last. It was the general opinion last year that the Harlem Congressman was intentionally left off of the guest list because of an old grudge which the President held against him.

This is said to have arisen because of a remark made by the New York Congressman in regard to Mrs. Truman's stand on the segregated policy practiced by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**CALLED "LAST LADY"**

When Mrs. Truman was asked to boycott a recital given at Constitution Hall because the DAR had previously denied the Congressman's distinguished wife, Hazel Scott Powell, the right to appear in a concert there because of her race, the First Lady replied in effect that she saw no reason why she should not attend the recital.

It was then that the New York Congressman branded her as not the First Lady of the land but the Last Lady.

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# Timely Topics

—By EARL BROWN

Congressman Adam C. Powell has returned to the House of Representatives after a long absence caused by illness. This would indicate that he intends to run for re-election this year. If he does, it is most likely that the Democrats will back him, though they would rather do anything else but that.

Earl Brown

In the meantime, Commissioner Grant Reynolds has the support of Gov. Dewey for the Republican nomination for Congress in the 22nd District. Because the Governor rules the Republican Party in New York State with an iron hand and because of the weakness of the Republican district leaders in Harlem it may be assumed that Commissioner Grant will be given the G.O.P. nomination.

If the Wallace-third partyites believe that they have a chance of winning the election in the 22nd Congress District, it is probable that they will run somebody for the office. There has been some talk of the Rev. Ben Richardson running on the Wallace-American Labor Party ticket in the 22nd, but it is unlikely that a smart politician like Cong. Vito Marcantonio, boss of the Wallace-A.L.P. force in New York, would put up a candidate with no chance of winning and with no ability to win votes for Wallace or any other third party candidate. The best possible candidate for the Wallace-A.L.P. forces would be Paul Robeson, who would not only have a good chance of winning but would also be strong enough to pull votes for Wallace.

Meanwhile, the unpredictable Cong. Powell has not yet stated whether he will support the Wallace third party. If he does, he would, of course, get the A.L.P. nomination. Cong. Powell is probably waiting to see whether he would be benefited personally by coming out for Wallace before making a public statement. Although the Communists, who control the A.L.P., dislike Cong. Powell intensely, they would back him for re-election only because they believe that he would pull votes for Wallace. Cong. Powell, not unlike many other opportunistic politicians, accepted the support of the Communists to get where he is. Now, however, the relations between him and them are strained.

The Democrats do not want Powell and the Communists don't want him. But either or both are going to take him because neither has a candidate to supplant him. That is, a candidate who can pull votes. The Republican district leaders in Harlem do not want Commissioner Grant Reynolds, but they will probably have to take him because they are too weak to resist Gov. Dewey's orders.

I have stated here often before that one of the chief weaknesses of Harlem's district leaders is that they are dependent upon either the Republican or the Democratic county leader or the Governor for whatever they get. They cannot decide who should run for any office, but must leave it up to outsiders. This is because they have not built up their own districts and do not have the confidence or the support of the voters. In other words, they are leaders in name and not in fact. Cong. Powell, for example, was handpicked for Congress in 1944, by Clarence Neal, former undercover boss of Tammany, over the protests of Herbert L. Bruce, ex-Tammany leader of the old 21st Assembly District. Bruce was over-ruled because other Negro Tammany politicians and leaders helped Neal in his plan to elect Powell in anticipation of personal political advancement for their pains.

Republican leader Harold Burton does not like Commissioner Reynolds and has said that he will oppose him for the congressional nomination. But Mr. [illegible] it as long as Gov. Dewey wants him to have it.

All of this adds up as follows: 1) in spite of the bluster and guff of Harlem's district leaders, they are woefully weak. This means that Harlem, itself, is politically weak and does not and cannot get anywhere near as much as it should for its political importance. 2) Harlem obviously will have an unsatisfactory congressman to represent it in Washington for the next two years. Neither Cong. Powell nor Comm. Reynolds is, in my opinion, qualified for the position. Powell is a demagogue and Reynolds is, so far, nothing more than a hot-house politico who has not demonstrated his worth to hold high public office.

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# Powell Takes Sock At 'Solid South'

WASHINGTON—Terming the "Solid South" an "outworn phrase to rationalize . . . cowardice, bigotry and hypocrisy," Representative Adam Clayton Powell Jr., in a speech March 24, on the floor of Congress, advised both parties that "in forty years, except for Woodrow Wilson, every President of the United States could have been elected without one vote from the so-called Solid South."

"Right-thinking whites," asserted Representative Powell, "and 15,000,000 Negroes are becoming increasingly critical of the Republican leadership of this Congress. Only one thing will stop this as far as the House of Representatives is concerned: Passage of the anti-lynching bill before April 15, which will give the Senate ample time to work on it."

Charging that the U. S. has taken away "every single civil right granted to the Negro people during World War II," Mr. Powell said, "Today, there is no FEPC, rigid segregation in the armed forces, diabolically planned elimination of all Negroes in the WAC's and WAVE's, likewise in the Nurses Corps of the Army and Navy . . . There is only one Negro nurse and 20,000 men in the Navy.

"We are hypocrits and the world knows it. There it not any Marshall Plan or Truman Doctrine large enough to whitewash our hypocrisy.

"You cannot have a successful bi-partisan foreign policy backed up with a bi-partisan jim-crow policy."

Calling the "American plan" the best way of life despite the fact that it is not practiced here, Mr. Powell said that "we are riled about the Czech coup and we do nothing about the Ku Klux Klan terror in Johnson County, Georgia. We question Jan Masaryk's death while we allow Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and her two sons to be slaughtered in Americus, Ga."

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# Powell Seeks Reelection

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-NY), stated at the weekend he would run for reelection this November. He will make his announcement at a banquet June 3 at Small's, 135 St. and Seventh Ave.

"Because of the Wilson-Pacula law," said Powell, "I can run only on the Democratic ticket but I am asking now the support of all of my friends, in the American Labor Party and in the Republican Party."

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# Adam Powell Defies Tammany Leadership

Congressman Adam C. Powell defied Tammy Hall leadership not to indorse him for renomination in a speech at Small's Paradise Thursday night when he declared that "There is no man or combination of men big enough to beat the Witoka Democratic Club and Abyssinian Baptist Church"

Seated at the speaker's table at the time the Congressman spoke, was Tammany Hall Leader Frank Sampson, the man who will have much to do with naming the Democratic nominee.

Adam Powell

Mr. Powell, who is pastor of Abyssinian, was one of the many prominent Democratic political figures, who turned out for the testimonial dinner in honor of Joseph Ford, Democratic District Leader of the 12th A. D. South.

**Ford His Manager**

Powell's remarks followed his announcement that he was a candidate to succeed himself and that Ford would be his campaign manager.

Among the other prominent Tammanyites present to praise Ford and hear Powell tell the politicians off were City Council President Vincent Impelliteri, Borough President Hugo Rogers, Civil Service Commissioner Darlington Telesford, State Senator Harold Panken and Commissioner Carmine DeSapio.

Although Republican Harold C. Burton was the only representative of his party present, the uptown Democratic leaders showed up with the exception of Commissioner J. Raymond Jones.

There was Cecil Carter, top man in the northern end of Ford's district, Joseph Pinckney and C. Mott Shavers.

As expected, Assemblyman William T. Andrews and Hulan E. Jack were among the guests of prominence, but unexpectedly [illegible] Ben Richardson, chief spokesman for the Harlem followers of Henry A. Wallace, found himself seated on the dias within three feet of Congressman Powell.

Toastmaster Elijah Crump, in his best diplomatic manner, avoided calling on the Rev. Richardson but that did not stop some of the guests from thinking.

One of them wondered out loud to a reporter and hinted that "Adam may be making a play for the Wallace crowd."

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# Hands Off' Says Reynolds To Adam

From his office here this week, Grant Reynolds, chairman of the Committee Against Jim Crow in Military Service and Training, warned Congressmen Adam Clayton Powell and Vito Marcantonio "to keep their hands off pending draft legislation in the House of Representatives.

"Any hypocritical effort on their part to amend this bill," continued Reynolds, "will be interpreted as a brazen and damnable trick to play re-election politics with the welfare of Negro youth.

"When Negro boys were bleeding and dying from Japanese, Italian and Jim Crow bayonets, prior to the European invasion, both Powell and Marcantonio were so busy following the Communist Party line that they conveniently forgot that Negroes were in our military forces. Now that the Party Line from Moscow dictates that Stalin's American stooges kill the Marshall Plan and any rebuilding of this country's military might, Powell and Marcantonio can now be expected to re-discover the un-American and inhuman treatment of Negro soldiers. In so doing they will give the kiss of death to our carefully laid plans to amend this bill in the House of Representatives.

Adam Powell

GRANT REYNOLDS

"The Committee Against Jimcrow in Military Service and Training has been successful in securing the cooperation of a bi-partisan committee headed by Congressmen Jacob K. Javits and Helen G. Douglas for this purpose. The widely publicized threat by Powell to stage a one-man fight against the bill, is political demagoguery of the lowest gutter type. To use the plight of Negro youth for political expediency is indefensible, reprehensive and contemptible."

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# Timely Topics

—By EARL BROWN

Joseph Ford, Tammany district leader, is reported o have advised his colleagues at a meeting in Tammany Hall recently that Congressman Adam Powell will not eschew the American Labor Party nomination for re-election. As a result of Congressman Powell's ultimatum to the Democrats, they have ordered the Harlem district leaders to select another candidate to run in the 22nd District for Congress.

Earl Brown

Ordinarily, any district leader would accept this order with great enthusiasm, since it would enhance his political stature and add to his power if he could choose his own candidate for a congressional seat. In this instance, however, none of the four Negro district leaders in Harlem showed any enthusiasm about going out and finding a candidate to pit against Congressman Powell. The reason they showed no happiness over such a golden opportunity was because they know that they cannot find anyone who could defeat the tempestuous preacher-politician

This is, indeed, a sad state of affairs for the Democratic party, especially the Harlem wing. Congressman Powell has twisted Tammany Hall, particularly the Negro representatives of Tammany, around his little finger ever since he was elected to the House. He has ignored the leaders, taken jobs away from them, run his candidate for district leader (Joe Ford) against theirs and won—he has done everything to them that any Republican leader would give his right eye to do. Finally he has defied them to put up a candidate against him for re-election by having his district leader, Ford, announce that in spite of Tammany's alleged opposition to the A.L.P., he will accept its support for re-election.

There are two reasons why Congressman Powell has been able to thumb his nose at the local Democrats and get away with it unscathed: (1) he is still popular among the people of Harlem in spite of his shoddy record in Congress. As a Congressman he would make a good picket line marcher and nothing more. He is essentially a demagogue. He raves and rants but does not accomplish very much for anyone, especially the people of his district.

(2) If it were not for the fact that in spite of Congressman Powell's defects he is far better than Harlem's district leaders, everything considered; he would have been thrown out on his face by Tammany long ago. Although I have often stated that Harlem's district leaders, Republican as well as Tammany, are not worth the powder to put into a gun to blow off their political heads, it is worth re-stating an endless number f times. None of these leaders has either the ability or social vison to lead anybody anywhere politically They are small men who should be pitied instead of damned. But since they, in a way, have the political destiny of Harlem in their hands, the public must be informed about their shortcomings.

Congressman Powell knows that these men are inefficient and have no ability. He knows that he can do just about whatever he chooses to do and get away with it. He knows that none of them has built the kind of political organization in his district that would endanger hs chances of re-election. He also knows that they cannot defeat him, that only he can defeat himself by causing the voters to sour on him.

The Tammany district leaders (also the Republican, who, in some ways, are worse) have done nothing to interest the masses of voters in politics. They have no effective social program that would help Harlem to help itself. They have not tackled the problems that adversely affect practically every citizen of Harlem. Of course, some of them have made phony motions in the direction of setting up civic programs in their clubs, but nothing good has resulted from these moves. They have not learned that in Harlem the best politics is no politics but a broad social program that would help the people.

Although Congressman Powell has done but little along a civic line in Harlem, nevertheless, he has Buffaloed the people into believing that he is some sort of fighter for their rights. This is tragic, since Mr. Powell and not the people is the only one who will make a profit out of it.

At least Mr. Powell has successfully fooled the people, and they do get a kick out of his demagogic speeches and political clowning. On the other hand, Harlem's district leaders are so hopeless that they can fool no one but themselves.

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# Powell Blasts Mirror Lie He Endorsed Truman

**Representative Adam Clayton Powell of Harlem yesterday gave the lie to a Daily Mirror story which said he had decided to back President Truman and that he had declared political warfare on Rep. Vito Marcantonio, chairman of the American Labor Party.**

The Mirror story had stated it had "learned exclusively" that Powell "will not back Henry Wallace for President." Powell, however, declared yesterday, "I have not decided as yet whether to support Truman, Wallace or Dewey."

Powell

"Marcantonio and I are as friendly today as we have ever been," the Harlem Democratic Congressman added. "While it is true that we have differed from time to time and probably will continue to do so, nevertheless, Marcantonio and I are friends and, in showdown fights for the rights of people, we will undoubtedly in most of the cases be allied.

"I am a Democrat and Marcantonio is a member of the ALP but that does not make us enemies, anymore than my being a Negro and a Protestant and his being a white man and a Catholic does."

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# Powell Endorses Marcantonio

Rep. Vito Marcantonio, American Labor Party candidate for reelection from the 18th Congressional District, announced yesterday he had been endorsed by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Negro Democratic Congressman from Harlem's 22nd C.D.

At a press conference in his home at 231 E. 116 St., Rep. Marcantonio made public a letter sent him by Rep. Powell, who is a candidate for re-election with ALP endorsement, last Thursday. Addressed to "my dear friend Marc," the letter lauded Marcantonio as "the most consistent and steadfast friend of the Negro and Puerto Rican people in Congress, barring none."

"You have fought side by side with me for their rights," Powell's letter continued. "Oft-times you have been the only one to stand by with me and be counted. You are the only Congressman whom I can absolutely depend upon regardless of how tough the going is.

"The Negro and Puerto Rican people need you . . . without you they will be lost.

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"I am looking forward to seeing you with me in the 81st Congress to continue the fight for the full rights of my people. I want to congratulate you on being chosen by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as having a perfect record on all civil rights issues."

The letter, Marcantonio said, was "completely unsolicited." Rep. Powell's endorsement of Marcantonio was his first such action of the campaign. He has kept silent on the presidential campaign, running without referring either to President Truman or Henry Wallace.

Marcantonio also took a slap at

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his Republican and Democratic opponents. He termed Assemblyman John Morrissey, the Democratic candidate, "a hypocrite" who had long sought Marcantonio's political aid. He showed reporters numerous letters from Morrissey, in which the Democratic candidate referred to Marcantonio in extremely warm terms. Among them was a "jumbo postcard" which Morrissey sent Marcantonio from Chicago.

Marcantonio denied charges by John Ellis, his Republican opponent, that he was receiving undercover support from the Democrats, offering examples of Democratic campaign literature signed by Democratic leaders in the district, which attacked him and supported Morrissey.

While he was campaigning "down the line for Wallace," Marcantonio charged Ellis with seeking to "double-talk" on the presidential race. Running on the Republican ticket with Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Ellis comes into the district above 96th St. on a Liberal Party sound truck bearing a huge sign with President Truman's name. He campaigned in this fashion, under the Truman label, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, Marcantonio said.

He also charged Ellis with attempting to provoke attacks on himself in the district by referring to Marcantonio in insulting personal terms, hoping thereby to get police sent into the district to intimidate voters.

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# Powell to Introduce Civil Rights Bills In New Congress

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell (D-NY) yesterday declared he would introduce civil rights legislation in the 81st Congress, and also introduce a bill to abolish the Taft-Hartley Act. Powell, was re-elected Tuesday to his third term from Harlem's 22nd Congressional District.

"I will re-introduce," Powell declared, "all of my civil rights legislation which became the Truman civil rights program." The Harlem Congressman, is the author of legislation for civil rights, against the poll tax, for FEPC, anti-lynch laws, franchise for the District of Columbia, an end to Jimcrow in interstate transportation, an end to Army Jimcrow, and for the abolition of discrimination in the federal school lunch program.

A ranking member of the House Labor and Education Committee, declared he would also introduce legislation for the federal [redacted] and licensing of all polls taken either by individuals or groups.

Powell will leave for the West Indies to study labor conditions there.

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# Hazel Scott Sues Coast Cafe

WASHINGTON. — Mrs. Hazel Scott Powell, pianist and wife of Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-NY), announced a $50,000 suit against Mr. and Mrs. Harry Utz of Pasco, Wash., under the civil rights laws of that state.

While on a concert tour, Hazel Scott was snowbound between Idaho and Spokane, Wash., and when the trip was continued by bus on Lincoln's Birthday the passengers stopped for a meal at a cafeteria in Pasco owned by Mr. and Mrs. Utz. When Miss Scott attempted to buy a meal, she was refused service because she is Negro.

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# s Speedy House OK

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The House took only 40 minutes today to jam through a bill to expand vastly the size and power of the government's spy machine. On the insistence of Democratic and Republican leaders that there should be a minimum of discussion because of its "highly confidential nature" the measure was passed under a suspension of the rules. The vote was 384 to four.

Rep. Dewey Short (R-Mo) defended the hush hush atmosphere surrounding the bill saying that "the least we say in public about it the better off we will be."

Voting against the bill were Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY), Adam Clayton Powell (D-NY), Toby Morris (D-Okla) and a freshman member, Mrs. Reva Beck Bosone (D-Utah).

Marcantonio called attention to a paragraph in the report of the House Armed Services Committee: "The report does not contain a full and detailed explanation of all the provisions of the proposed legislation in view of the fact that much of such information is of a highly confidential nature. However the committee received a complete explanation of all features of the proposed measure."

"We have been in wars and even in a civil war," Marcantonio said, "but this is the first time in history Congress has been asked to vote for legislation without a full explanation of its meaning." Under a wave of hysteria he said Congress is asked to "abdicate its function to legislate."

"I'm just not going to do it," the American Laborite said.

Insofar as the meaning of the bills' provisions were clear, the measure would permit the Central Intelligence Agency to buy goods and engage services without any accounting of payments of less than $1,000.

CIA would be authorized to place its agents "for research and training" in domestic or foreign trade unions, agricultural and scientific associations and in commercial firms. These agents would be paid their regular salaries by the government in addition to whatever pay they received from

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the trade unions, associations or firms.

The bill would provide generous travel allowances for CIA agents and their families including the free storage of their furniture while they are away from home.

No limitations would be placed on the amount of money CIA could spend in instaling special "equipment and devices" in rented premises.

The agency would be exempt from provisions of U.S. law requiring publication in the official register of the names of its employes.

Another section of the bill would permit the CIA and Attorney General to admit foreign-born operatives of the agency and their families into the U.S. without regard to quota restrictions. One hundred persons a year would be eligible.

"The purpose of this section is quite obvious," the report said. "Its enactment will permit the director of the agency . . . to admit into this country aliens whose intelligence potential has proven of the highest value to the national security."

This provision drew criticism from Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-NY) chairman of the House Judiciary Committee who said it "throws out all the legislative regulations on immigration we have built up over the years."

"This shows how the cold war has unhinged the nerves of the highest military," Celler said. The military is not infallible, he continued, recalling that after smearing Agnes Smedley as a spy the Army had been forced to admit a mistake.

Rep. Carl Durham (D-NC) defended this section as one of the most important in CIA's plan to build a spy network in the USSR and the new democracies. He said without this provision U. S. agents in these countries face concentration camps or death.

Reviewing the bill Marcantonio asserted it "opened the doors for placing intelligence operatives in labor organizations."

Marcantonio declared the provision permitting admission of foreign-born agents would bring former fascists, pro-monarchists, anti-labor people and agents of the Hapsburgs and the Francos into the U. S.

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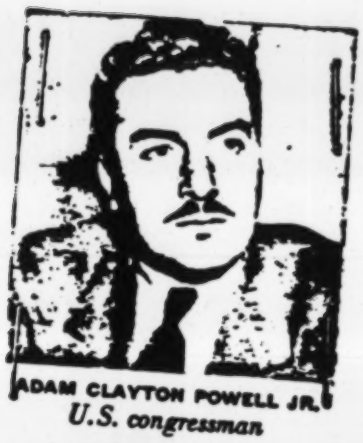

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# Powell Bill Asks End of U.S. Bias In Canal Zone

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell of Harlem, has introduced a bill into the House providing for greater retirement benefits to thousands of West Indian and non-white Federal employes in the Panama Canal Zone, it was learned yesterday.

Powell, in introducing his bill, declared he had received from the CIO United Public Workers "first hand information on the discrimination and economic hardship faced by the so-called 'Silver' workers in the Cana.. Zone." The union represents the vast majority of these employes.

Powell pointed out that the so-called "gold" workers, or whites, most of whom are U. S. citizens, "have been covered since 1931 by a retirement law similar to that covering U. S. Civil Service workers in the United States." Powell's bill would extend similar benefits to the "silver" workers.

[illegible] that the "silver" workers receive no more than $45 a month retirement and after retirement are forced to move into the Republic of Panama where living costs are higher, Powell said "it is high time that the U. S. government ended its shameful discrimination against these employes."

Many of them, he pointed, braved yellow fever and rock slides and gave their skills to make the Panama Canal one of the great engineering feats in the modern world."

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# House to Probe Bias At Battery Tunnel

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, May 25.—A House Labor Subcommittee has scheduled an investigation of job discrimination against Negroes engaged in the construction of the Brooklyn-Battery tunnel. Report has been made Rep. Powell (D-NY), who said he will ask the FEPC legislative hearings for journey to New York next week for an on-the-spot probe.

The subcommittee has received information that Negroes with 15 to 20 years experience are denied skilled jobs despite the fact that discrimination is prohibited by law. About 17 million dollars in Federal funds is involved in the job. According to charges before the subcommittee, Hastings Local 147, AFL, and two contracting firms are guilty of collusion in denying promotion to the Negro workers.

Rep. Powell said hearings on FEPC will conclude tomorrow after testimony by Henry Wallace. He expressed confidence that the subcommittee would report favorably on the bill before it, and said he believed there was a good chance the full Labor committee would okay it next week.

WILL PUSH BILL

If the rules Committee should attempt to bottle up the bill, Powell said, he would seek to bring it to the floor by invoking the 21-day rule.

Earlier, Powell spoke indignantly [illegible] against Democratic leadership efforts to [illegible] legislation. He said, House passage of the FEPC bill, together with the expression of public demand, could persuade the Senate to change its mind.

John A. Thomas of the National Urban League, told the subcommittee that Negroes are the chief sufferers in the present crisis of unemployment. He said information in the hands of his organization indicates that 15 to 20 percent of the jobless are Negroes although they are less than 10 percent of the population.

In some areas Negroes are hit especially hard. Thomas said citing Omaha, where 30 percent of the city's Negro workers are jobless.

More than 700,000 Negroes went into industrial jobs between 1942 and 1948, he said, but [illegible] have already been dropped.

"In two large corporations of which we are presently workers recent cutbacks have all but wiped out the jobs held by Negroes most of whom had job seniority of five to seven years," he added.

Stephen E. Jackson, [illegible] justice of the New York Domestic Relations Court urged passage of FEPC as a deterrent to juvenile delinquency. "A minority group [illegible]

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-NY) testified in support of the bill. "No man is free from fear if the security of his job is in doubt that man or religious prejudice can [illegible]," he said.

The subcommittee heard a delegation of top officials of the Transit Department and the Brotherhood of Engineering deny charges that employment among [illegible] Negro Democratic candidates.

Alvin W. Hall, director of the Bureau of Engineering, admitted [illegible] under questioning by Powell that of 3,000 Negroes employed by the bureau only 14 hold [illegible] and only 30 appointments [illegible] been given opportunity training to enable them to become eligible for promotion, he said, and the only chief of job held by a Negro in the bureau was that of one painter.

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# Congressman Accepts Draft By Citizens Committee and Awaits Action by Democrats

A strong drive by an independent citizens' committee to get Representative Adam C. Powell, Jr. (Dem., N.Y.) to demand the nomination for Borough President of Manhattan snowballed into his acceptance, Tuesday, when notified by The Age of the draft movement.

"I accept humbly but with pleasure this movement to run for the borough presidency of Manhattan," Rep. Powell said. "I know that we can win."

With Hugo Ragins [illegible] of the conditions facing labor, we feel that [illegible] Powell would gain a vast majority of the voting strength of this important segment of our population."

In his acceptance statement, Rep. Powell pointed out that he won his first election to the City Council in a borough-wide election while virtually an "unknown."

"This proves that a Negro can win a borough-wide election," he [illegible]. "Today I am a member of the Democratic Party and am sure that the leadership will not ignore the demand of the Negro people that they run me for Borough President.

"The Negro vote is too strong in in Manhattan to fool with," he continued. "It is a highly disciplined vote of a half-million people who now represent one-fourth of the island of Manhattan. They are demanding that they have a candidate running for office in the higher level of our city life.

"Again, I repeat that I am glad to run. The next move is up to the leadership of my party," he concluded.

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the running by edict of Mayor O'Dwyer, those demanding Powell to seek the nomination on the Democratic ticket felt that the Congressman would prove a tremendous vote getter in such a race with a strong chance of winning.

Congressman Powell felt sure he would get the backing of his Democratic party leaders—Joe Ford, J. Raymond Jones, Joseph Pinckney, Cecil Carter and Frank Rosatti, all of Harlem. They are known to be all-out supporters of Mr. Powell.

The committee, which includes such well-known Harlemites as the Rev. C. Asapansa Johnson, Walter White, Jr., Roberta Bosley, Charles Buchanan, Acy Lennon and Theresa Hotel Manager William H Brown, forwarded a telegram to The Age in which they declared that Negroes are [illegible] politically "of age."

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CONGRESSMAN ADAM POWELL, who'll run for Borough President of Manhattan following draft-Powell move by citizens committee.

## CONGRESSMAN ACCEPTS DRAFT BY CITIZENS COMMITTEE

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gressman Powell was recently boomed for the U. S. Senate seat left vacant by the resignation of Senator Robert F. Wagner," the telegram read, "informed political opinion has it that the Negro people are now politically 'of age' and can [illegible] obtaining elective offices commensurate with their [illegible] increasing political

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# Adam Seeks Borough President Position

**Congressman Adam Powell, Jr., is angling for the Democraic nomination for Borough President of Manhattan. He was offered the American Labor Party nomination for this position by Congressman Vito Marcantonio, it was reported, but turned it down.**

Congressman Powell may cause the leaders of the Democratic party in New York County some trouble, because 22 per cent of the total vote of Manhattan Island is Negro. This should give the Negro one or more important spots on the slates of both major parties.

**Morris Popular**

Meantime, because of Newbold Morris's popularity in Harlem it is already predicted that he will poll a large vote in this section. Mr. Morris is the mayoralty candidate of the Republican and Liberal parties. His fight to ban Jim Crow housing projects in New York City when he was President of the City Council has won him the respect and support of thousands of Negro voters all over the city.

If the Democratic Party endorses Robert Wagner, Jr., for Borough President of Manhattan, the Liberal Party is likely to go along in support of him, thereby insuring his election. On the other hand, if it should endorse Oren Root, Jr., it would make it harder for the Democrats to win.

It has been reported that Congressman Powell is also seeking support of the Liberal Party in his bid to run for Borough President. The fa[illegible] that he could have had the endorsement of the American Labor Party for this office but turned it down indicates that Mr. Powell prefers not to be accused of accepting Communist support. The A. L. P. is the political arm of the Communist Party. Mr. Powell has been closely allied with it and its leaders, Congressman Marcantonio and others.

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# Powell Threw Bombshell in Political Pot

By JESSE H. WALKER

The consensus both uptown and downtown seems to be that Congressman Adam C. Powell, Jr., made a terrific impression when he announced that he would consider running for the Borough Presidency of Manhattan. Although the bid, which originated with an independent citizens committee, came a bit late, most political observers feel that the congressman left a strong impact on Tammany Hall and the Republican-Liberal coalition. The result may well be that in the next city-wide election a Negro will be included on a major party slate.

**Ignore Negro Vote**

As it is today, observers are quick to point out, in making up a city-wide slate the major parties always make sure to include an Irish Catholic, an Italian, and a Jewish candidate. The strongly potent Negro vote has hitherto been completely ignored. Because of the repercussions from Rep. Powell's name being injected in the race, these same observers feel things will be radically changed in the future.

The American Labor Party still continues to name Negroes on its slates, last week naming Mrs. Ada Jackson as candidate for the Borough Presidency of Brooklyn. Already they had named Ewart G. Guinier to run for this office in Manhattan.

**Ben Davis on ALP**

Meanwhile, on the councilmanic front, the Liberal Party endorsed Earl Brown also as their candidate for the council in the 21st Senatorial District. Brown is now the Democratic - Republican - Liberal candidate out to unseat the present incumbent, Benjamin J. Davis who is up for re-election and running on the ALP ticket.

Brown, however, faces a primary fight in the candidacy of David E. Stewart. The latter, a mortician, is president of the Citizens Democratic Club of which Dr. Lovelace B. Capehart is leader. The doctor is also in a primary battle for leader of the 11th A.D. opposing Joseph Pinckney.

In connection with the race in the 21st, which shows promise of being one of the most interesting this fall, Arthur Schutzer, ALP State Executive Secretary last week chided N.Y. County Republican Leader Thomas J. Curran for "the tie-up between the Republican machine and the Tammany machine to oppose the re-election of Councilman Benjamin J. Davis.

**Part-Time Partners**

"You must have great contempt for the intelligence of the people if you think you can, on the one hand, complain of the tie-up between your part-time partners in the Liberal Party and Tammany on the Manhattan Borough Presidency and, on the other hand, ask for the Republican-Liberal tie-up with Tammany to oppose Councilman Davis," Schutzer said in a telegram to the GOP leader.

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last week that Ray Tillman, a National Committeeman for the Progressive Party and former International Executive Board member of the Transport Workers Union, will be Davis' campaign manager.

**Query U.S. Judge Post**

Another source of irritation for local politicos came about last week also when a story, appearing in the N.Y. Post, stated that President Truman will nominate NAACP Attorney Thurgood Marshall for one of the four Federal judgeships recently added to the N.Y. Southern District.

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# Adam Takes His Family To Europe

## Congressman Will Not Be Here For Action In Drive To Elect Council, Mayor

By CARL DUNBAR LAWRENCE

Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Harlem's gift to the Halls of Congress and the No. 1 man in Hazel Scott's life, will leave the country soon for Europe and, for the information of the politicians, he's not coming back until the cool of November.

That means, regardless of the announcements you'll read, that the Rev. Mr. Powell will not be around when Mayor O'Dwyer, Newbold Morris and Congressman Vito Marcantonio formally launch their campaigns.

It also should be interpreted to mean that Councilman Ben Davis can forget any verbal support he had been promised by Congressman Powell, and that Ewart Guinier can do likewise.

Guinier, who will learn all this when his campaign aides put in the weekly telephone call to the labor leader's vacation retreat, is the American Labor Party's candidate for Borough President of Manhattan.

This does not mean, on the other hand, that Powell will forget to make a financial contribution to his onetime left-wing pals. It simply means that Adam has gone adult in his political plans.

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...mes, Mrs. Thompson was often required to write the commentator's radio script and, only last week, they discussed the forthcoming new series starting next month.

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ning, that he is thinking more and more about his own little ACP.

Congressman Powell's official reason for leaving the country shortly after Labor Day will be announced as a study of labor conditions across the Atlantic; but the real reason will be his inability to make a clear-cut decision with respect to Davis and Guinier.

For instance, had it not been for the Rev. Powell's outspoken past and pro-Russia mouthings in the early 40s the chieftains at Tammany Hall would have nominated him as the Democratic candidate for Borough President of Manhattan.

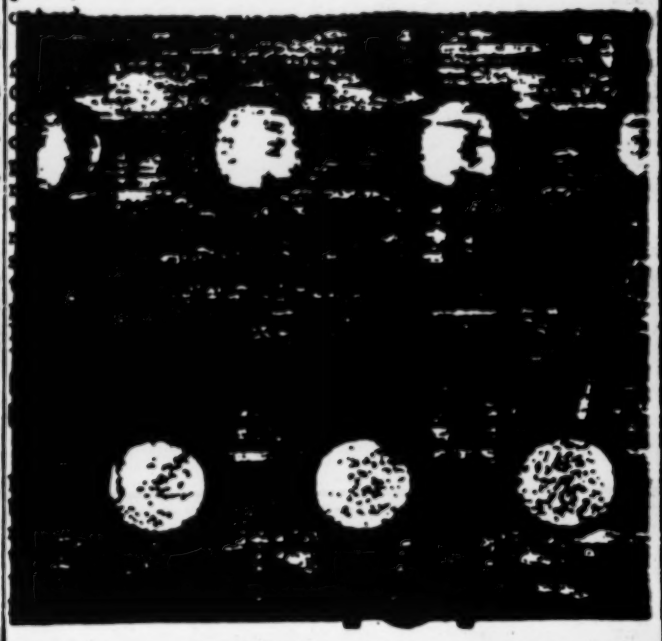
Even so, he was considered much more seriously than some political leaders realize; and one Tammanyite claimed only last week that Congressman Powell might have been named, instead of Commissioner Robert F. Wagner, if he had "held his mouth right."

So Adam Clayton Powell Jr., well-heeled with information on how to make friends with the friends of President Truman and the men who rule Tammany Hall, will sit this one out on the fence.

To the cynics, who call that straddling, the Rev. Powell is saying: "You live your life and I'll live mine."

Right now, he's spending the hot summer days with Mrs. Powell and their young son. They're secluded in their Long Island home with few visitors.

They'll remain there until they're ready for the Queen Mary. Then, hurriedly one day next month they'll rush back to their swank $50,000 home in Westchester and prepare for the trip to London, Paris and Rome.



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# Powell Declares Truman Could Get FEPC Bill Passed

By Abner Berry

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—President Truman and leaders of both major parties can assure enactment of FEPC legislation at this session of Congress if they really wish it, Rep. Adam Clayton Powell told a cheering overflow audience of Civil Rights marchers today. Speaking at a mass meeting climaxing the second day's proceedings of the Civil Rights Mobilization, Powell challenged the sincerity of Truman and the leadership of the Republican and Democratic parties.

His ringing statement contradicted other Congressmen speaking at the gathering who expressed fears that parliamentary obstacles would prove insurmountable.

There are four steps which the people must guarantee that Truman and the political leaders carry out, Powell said. He listed these as follows:

1. To exert every pressure to see that all Congressmen pledged to support civil rights should be in their seats next Monday when Chairman John Lesinski of the House Labor Committee moves for immediate consideration of the Powell bill.

2. To insure that President Truman confers with House speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex) and majority leader John McCormack (D-Mass) prior to next Monday and makes plans for guaranteeing full administration support of this move.

3. To secure from as many members of the House as possible an agreement to object to every request for unanimous consent actions in the House if favorable action is not given FEPC legislation next Monday, and to keep on objecting until FEPC becomes law.

4. If no action is obtained by next Tuesday, Powell will "lay a discharge petition on the speaker's desk to be signed by every House member in favor of FEPC."

"We will find out how many Republicans are liars and how many Democrats are liars," Powell exclaimed. He proposed that the mobilization send committees tomorrow to see Rayburn and majority and minority leaders.

Powell's militant and challenging speech stimulated the delegates and drew from them expressions of enthusiastic support. He was the first speaker to so stir the delegates.

Delegates' favorable reactions to his speech alarmed some of the mobilization's sponsors, who took steps immediately to get matters back on the pro-Truman track.

At least three groups met after Powell's speech to consider his proposals to force Congressional leaders and the President to "put up or shut up."

NAACP youth delegates met in back of the vast auditorium. Another group of Maryland delegates held the front. Off to the side delegates from B'nai Brith and other Jewish organizations gathered.

**ENDORSE PLAN**

They endorsed Powell's plan for smaller committees to camp on the doorsteps of minority and majority leaders and to visit the White House.

Among the youth delegates, some speakers insisted that all youth representatives appointed to

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the smaller committees should first be cleared by the Mobilization steering committee.

Powell's plea for a White House delegation was received with obvious satisfaction by the delegates. This plan was broached several hours after NAACP leaders announced, through a spokesman, that "we don't have to send a delegation to the White House. After all, this is Truman's conference."

Powell separated himself from those who idolize Truman when he declared:

"If the President does not call in his majority leader and the House speaker before Monday to plan for passage of FEPC—then he's breaking his word to you."

Rep. Jacob Javits (R-NY), who preceded Powell, told the delegates that civil rights legislation was necessary as a weapon to "combat communism," the line that Social Democrats have been hewing to. He drew polite applause.

Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY), who was not invited to speak and was not present at the meeting, was applauded vigorously when Powell mentioned his name in recounting previous civil rights battles waged by the two.

In the late evening rally of 3,000 who packed the Labor Department auditorium Senate majority leader Scott Lucas (D-Ill) continued to spread pessimism about the likelihood of winning civil rights measures. He opposed attaching or supporting civil rights riders to pending legislation.

Sen. Irving Ives (R-NY) told the rally he was for "the whole civil rights program."

NEW THOUSANDS

Beginning at about noon, Capitol Hill swarmed with thousands of lobbyists. Special trains brought 2,000 delegates from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore to join with more than 1,500 who arrived yesterday. The New York contingent filled two auditoriums in the Library of Congress. Other large state delegations, including Illinois, had to find churches or public buildings in which to hold their caucuses.

Illinois delegates had their caucus abruptly adjourned by Mrs. Irene McCoy, chairman of the Chicago Mobilization committee, when a delegate took exception to a "go slow" recommendation of Sen. Paul Douglas (D-Ill).

The delegate's insistence on an answer to his question: "Why can't we have civil rights legislation now?" was termed "embarrassing" by Mrs. McCoy.

CRITICIZE "SCREENING"

Grumbling continued today at the the "screening out" of hundreds of delegates, although persons with and without official badges participated in the lobbying. The issue as discussed in the halls and corridors, was the refusal of the mobilization's leaders to organize any sort of meeting where even accredited delegates could discuss policy and perspectives in the civil rights fight.

Lindsey White, chairman of the Manhattan delegation, told his caucus that he had urged the Mobilization leadership to reconsider its decision excluding a number of New York delegates. But whatever the outcome of his appeal he said, he hoped his followers would "remain united just as we are now."

William Green, AFL president, said in a statement, "Congress can no longer safely delay the enactment of President Truman's civil rights program."

Lobbying action will continue tomorrow up to 2 o'clock. The Mobilization will assemble at that time in the interdepartmental auditorium of the Labor Department for reports before adjourning.

# Powell Blasts FDR Jr. for Playing Politics with FEPC

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—An up-and-coming young New York politician barked his shins today on the rocks of redbaiting. He is Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. (D-NY), reportedly the choice of Democratic Party leaders for the gubernatorial nomination next fall, but the events of the past few days are not likely to advance his political fortunes.

Young Roosevelt made the grave mistake of ignoring both custom and "standards of common courtesy" in the House by introducing a petition to discharge the Powell FEPC bill without consulting either the chairman of the Labor Committee or the author of the bill, Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-NY).

For this he was taken to task by Powell today, while a majority of the House listened with obvious appreciation.

It has been known for at least a week that Powell planned to introduced a discharge petition of his own if he failed to secure its consideration on Monday under the 21-day rule.

But early Monday, before the [redacted] decided young Roosevelt had filed his discharge petition and issued a press release.

Although 83 members of the House have signed it, it seems likely that few if any more will do so. Many Democrats, including Chairman John Lesinski of the Labor Committee, and the 64 Republicans who voted against the Cox resolution last Friday, have advised Powell they resent Roosevelt's effort to "steal the limelight," especially since it is so closely linked with his gubernatorial ambitions.

POWELL PETITION

For this reason, Powell told the House in one of his most eloquent addresses on the floor, he is today introducing his own discharge petition.

The question, Powell said, is why Roosevelt made this decision.

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It is perhaps answered by an article in the New Yok Post last Monday which gloated at the neat trick of young Roosevelt. By introducing his discharge petition, he had "forestalled" Powell and Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY), the Post said. This was a triumph which would be supported by all non-Communists, the Post added.

In other words, young Roosevelt had been persuaded by someone to play the Liberal Party's petty game, jeopardizing passage of FEPC lest its success reflect some credit on the American Labor Party, and on Powell who has frequently run with backing of the Democratic and the Labor parties.

The House was unusually quiet when Rep. Powell secured a special order to permit his speaking today. He said he had to perform a "distasteful but necessary job." He had this day received a letter from young Roosevelt asking him to sign petition 20 to discharge his own bill HR 4453, he said. This was the first official notice he had received from Roosevelt of his action, he said.

"Even though we differ with each other, sometimes quite bitterly, we do try to maintain minimum standards of common courtesy," said Powell.

The fight to enact FEPC, he said, had from the first been bipartisan, and the defeat of the Cox resolution was due to the votes of 64 Republicans. For that reason he had himself kept in the background, resisting any temptation to make FEPC a political football or a vehicle for his own political career.

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Young Roosevelt, however, introduced his discharge petition "without even the common courtesy of discussing it with the chairman of the Labor Committee, let alone the author of the bill," said Powell.

"Mr. Chairman, I was shocked, very shocked. I told the gentleman it was ill-timed."

During hearing on the FEPC bill in the 79th and 80th Congresses and during the first session of the 81st Congress, young Roosevelt never appeared to testify for it, he said. More than 45 members testified or submitted statements last summer, but young Roosevelt did not, he said.

"By this ill-timed act, this method of bringing the FEPC to the floor has been adopted," said Powell.

**FDR JR. PETTY**

Powell said Roosevelt had responded to this criticism with the statement, "You are only mad because you didn't do it."

"Don't be petty," Powell [illegible] replied. "This is [illegible]. The economic opportunity of millions of people is at stake."

Roosevelt answered, according to Powell, "just last Monday at the national conference when 4,000 delegates were here, you said you were going to introduce a discharge petition."

"My friend," Powell retorted, "if you knew that, then that is all the more reason why you should not have done it."

An hour later Roosevelt apologized, Powell said, and he accepted the apology. "But the damage was done.

"I have no desire for personal glory in this situation," Powell said. "As a Negro, I can go no higher. I can never run for governor of New York state. I can go no higher than I am. This is the height that a Negro can reach in our generation."

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Powell took up the New York Post's snide remark and commented that he had never been and never would be a Communist. He documented his loyalty to the Democratic rather than to the Labor Party by citing his support of O'Dwyer over Marcantonio in the mayoralty race.

Young Roosevelt obviously labored under difficulties in answering Powell's eloquent address. He contended he "wasn't sure the representative of the Democratic and American Labor Parties would be here," he said, so he had introduced the discharge petition on his own.

He said he would match his record of support for civil rights with that of Powell. "My record is not one iota inferior," he insisted.

Roosevelt added that "if Mr. Powell who seems to have a closer connection with the ALP and the Republican Party than I do," would bring him a list of Republicans pledging themselves to sign the Powell petition, he would withdraw his own.

It was a retreat but not a gracious one. Veterans in the press gallery opined that the son of an illustrious father had shed no honor upon the name by his action. Not only the Negro people but old-fashioned conservatives will consider it a petty piece of self-seeking, trying to capitalize on the hard work of others.

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The ALP sponsored a rally, held at Manhattan Center, New York City on February 13, 1950, for the purpose of urging the passage of FEPC legislation.

According to the "Daily Worker", February 15, 1950, page 8, column 2, speakers at the rally included Representative ADAM CLAYTON POWELL (D-NY), who joined with Representative VITO MARCANTONIO (ALP-NY) and Progressive Party leader PAUL ROBESON in urging negroes and whites to unite for the passage of FEPC legislation. There were reportedly twelve hundred persons in attendance.

According to the article, both POWELL and MARCANTONIO "scored the treachery" of President TRUMAN because of his failure to order the Speaker of the House and Democratic national leaders to permit POWELL'S FEPC bill to come to the floor for a vote. ROBESON was quoted as saying "full rights for my people are on the order of the day, and we'll keep on fighting and dying for them until democracy is a reality in this country".

Others identified as being at the meeting were:

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# ROBESON AND POWELL TO ADDRESS RALLY TOMORROW

Paul Robeson and Rep. [redacted] who were scheduled to appear on the program banned by NBC, will be the main speakers at Labor's Salute to the Negro People rally tomorrow evening (Thursday) at the Golden Gate Ballroom.

The Harlem Trade Union Council, which is sponsoring the rally, has been picketing NBC offices.

At last year's Salute meeting, Peekskill attacks on Robeson's concert were protested.

Other speakers include Ferdinand Smith, Ewart Guinier, Mrs. Rose Russell, Aaron Schneider, Sam Parks, Halois Moorehead and two miners who will thank the Harlem Trade Union Council for its strike aid.

Plans will be made to fight growing unemployment among the Negro people.

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# Bare Conspiracy To Defeat Powell

By Abner W. Berry

The conspiracy to unseat Congressman Adam C. Powell, long whispered about in Harlem political circles, came to the surface this week in simultaneous acts and statements from Democratic, Republican and Liberal Party big wigs. Rep. Powell has earned the hatred of cold war advocates by his refusal to "go slow" on civil rights in Congress and by his opposition to espionage laws and the Truman armaments program.

Acting through Herbert Bruce, Democratic leadership aspirant in the 12 A. D. in Harlem, Tammany Hall is said to be building a base from which an anti-Powell three-party coalition can be formed this fall.

Secretary of State Thomas J. Curran, N. Y. county Republican leader has let it be known all along that he would support a Democrat against Marcantonio in the 20th Congressional District, if the Democratics would support a Republican against Powell.

The Liberal Party's N. Y. County chairman, Murray Baron, in searching for a candidate which the three cold-war parties could support has thrown in the name of Walter F. White, secretary-on-leave of the NAACP. Bruge said this week that White would be acceptable to him.

Liberal Party bitterness toward Powell was evident last February when fledgeling Congressman Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., crossed Powell's strategy on FEPC by filing a discharge petition which gave GOP members a political excuse for not signing.

This week Walter Kirshenbaum, Liberal Party Bronx County director, attacked Rep. Powell in a meeting in the Taft High School. Kirshenbaum, in an insulting tirade, baited Powell for his association with Marcantonio, his vote in Congress against the "spy bill" and the arms program. Powell, who was an invited speaker in the meeting sponsored by Americans for Democratic Action, defended his votes for peace on religious grounds and stood by his opposition to espionage laws in the interest of civil liberties. He did not disavow his friendship with Marcantonio, but made a few red-baiting cracks at the Civil Rights Congress and the Daily Worker.

Meantime, rank and file Democrats and Republicans were wondering why there was so much unity among the political powers when it comes to defeating a Negro, but not a peep on the question of guaranteeing a Negro's election to the state senate.

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# Marc, Powell Don't Shove Around Easy

By Michael Singer

The 3-party conspiracy to unseat Congressman Vito Marcantonio and Adam Clayton Powell is being impaled on a two-pronged dilemma. On the one hand, Tammany Hall and Republican leaders in New York County cannot agree on a joint candidate, each insisting that the nominee be one from their own party. And, on the other hand, strong support for both Congressmen is a barrier that none of the machine strategists has yet been able to scale.

The Liberals, yapping like mad for some gangup machinery to get under way—however unprincipled it be—have been pressing for a scheme to give three-party endorsement to a Republican against Powell and joint support to a Democrat against Marcantonio. GOP county leader Thomas J. Curran, who is also Secretary of State, has indicated his support for such a plan.

Tammany chieftain Carmine G. De Sapio, however, has been more cautious. He is reluctant to give the Republicans an opportunity to take the 22d C. D., hitherto Democratic, despite the bipartisan cold-war agreement against Rep. Powell. The Negro Congressman received 51,552 Democratic and 11,971 American Labor Party votes when elected in 1948. The Republican candidate, Harold C. Burton, was swamped with only 14,012 votes.

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A TAMMANY SOURCE admitted "we'd be crazy" to give the Republicans the district in any deal which would insure coalition support for a Democrat against Marcantonio. Nonetheless, the conspiracy is still a subject of intense discussion between De Sapio and Curran with Social-Democratic politicians egging both on for quick agreement.

One of the stumbling blocks is the Americans for Democratic Action, which thus far has not lined up with the Liberals against Powell, though anxious to defeat Marcantonio. An ADA spokesman told this reporter this week that "we don't know what the Liberals are doing, but, as for us, we'll take our own position in due time. So far we have not come out either way." The ADA's hesitance in supporting the Liberal Party anti-democratic lineup against the only Negro New York Congressman indicates a rift between these two groups.

The fight in Marcantonio's 18th C. D., where he beat back the Republican-Liberal candidate by 5,379 votes and the Democratic opponent by 5,067 votes in 1948, has already reached the "street stage." A phony O'Dwyer-CIO-Liberal drive to garner Puerto Rican votes, with headquarter trappings and a large payroll force, is being answered by the Puerto Ricans with pledges to reelect Marcantonio more convincingly than ever.

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# Liberal Party Aide Baits Powell After Appeal for Real FEPC

A spokesman for the Liberal Party baited Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Negro Democrat, for 20 minutes Monday night as Powell finished an appeal for the passage of a real FEPC bill. The Liberal Party spokesman was Walter Kirshenbaum, executive director of the Liberal Party of the Bronx. He was carrying out the policy of his party, which is openly campaigning for the defeat of Powell and Rep. Vito Marcantonio, the American Labor Party leader.

Powell was speaking in William Howard Taft Hight School in the Bronx before a meeting of the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), which includes many Liberal Party members. He was introduced by the chairman, Sidney Wolchuk, as a "distinguished fighter for civil rights" and was warmly applauded.

POWELL
Urges FEPC with teeth

### URGES FEPC FIGHT

Powell called for a struggle for an effective FEPC bill, after blasting the toothless substitute bill that came before the House, and criticizing President Truman for his failure to fight on this major civil rights' issue.

The Liberal Party leader was quick to switch the subject away from Negro rights when the question period arrived. And in rapid fire order Kirshbaum began baiting Powell about Marcantonio, arms, the "spy bill" and the Un-American Committee.

Powell replied that he was indeed a friend of Marcantonio. He was also much opposed to the arms program on religious grounds, he said. He was against the "spy bill" because it violated civil liberties, permitting the arrests of Americans on the theory that they were "guilty by association."

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—And he declared that he could never support the Un-American Committee as long as it refused to investigate the Ku Klux Klan or other fascist movements.

Powell did a little red-baiting himself in his replies, making cracks at the Civil Rights Congress and the Daily Worker.

Several dozen persons attended the meeting in the big High School auditorium.

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# Rep. Powell Accused of Doubletalk by Guinier

Rep A Clayton Powell was accused yesterday of "double-talk" in upholding the CIO purge of progressive unions by Ewart Guinier, secretary-treasurer of the United Public Workers. Powell, who condoned the cold war purge program of the CIO in a statement last Monday, followed it up with an announcement he will decline an American Labor Party nomination when he runs for a fourth term this fall on the Democratic ticket.

Guinier, referring to Powell's claim he was misquoted by the UE News on the CIO, declared:

"I do not know what Rep. Powell told the UE News about the CIO's sellout of FEPC, but I do know that he attacked the CIO sellout very vehemently before 2,000 people at Manhattan Center on the evening of Feb. 13."

The rank and file of organized labor is "getting sick and tired of double-talk," declared the trade union leader, who was the first Negro ever to run for borough president.

Guinier termed Powell's statement "justifying the CIO's expulsion of my union and other unions . . . a shocking display of hostility to thousands of union members whose support in the past he has sought and received."

Powell knows "fully well," Guinier asserted, that the expelled unions were "kicked out of the CIO because they refused to be silent in the face of Philip Murray's desertion of the Negro people and his support for white supremacist politicians while the CIO's southern organizing drive sets up jimcrow local unions."

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# Coalition To Battle Powell Still Likely

Tammany Chief Carmine DeSapio and other Manhattan Democratic leaders were asked again this week to repudiate Representative Adam C. Powell as the party's designee for Congress in the 22nd District and join the Republicans in pushing the candidacy of Elmer A. Carter, who was named as the GOP's candidate last weekend.

**Decline GOP Offer**

Carter, a member of the State Commission Against Discrimination, was designated unexpectedly after several Harlemites had declined the Republicans' offer.

Rep. Powell

Thomas J. Curran, chairman of the New York County Republican Committee, invited DeSapio and his group to drop Congressman Powell as the Democratic candidate and endorse Carter when the latter's candidacy was announced but DeSapio rejected Curran's request, saying the Democrats had already voted to designate the minister.

Nevertheless, the Republicans were still trying Monday and there were reports that some Tammany leaders had discussed the idea of asking the Demo-

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# Powell Still Likely

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cratic County Committee to reconsider its original position on Powell.

The key to the situation, most observers agree, will be the official attitude of the Liberal and American Labor parties. Petitions being circulated by the LP carried the name of James Fuller, a former newspaperman, as the party's candidate for Congress. But Fuller hinted that he would withdraw eventually.

When he declines, it is expected that the Liberal Party will announce its support of Commissioner Carter.

With the ALP, however, it is highly probable that Ewart Guinier will be nominated to oppose Representative Powell, since the Democratic County Committee has ruled that none of its candidates can accept the ALP nomination.

In discussing his invitation to the Democrats, Curran said:

"There is one sure way in which Elmer A. Carter can be elected and Powell defeated. That is by effecting the same sort of coalition in the 22nd as we did in the 18th congressional district. I ask Mr. DeSapio to renounce Adam Clayton Powell as the Democratic designee and accept Elmer A. Carter in his place. I ask Mayor O'Dwyer to use his influence on the Democrats of New York to bring about this result."

As key GOP leaders carried on negotiations with high-ranking Democrats to presumably "trick" Representative Powell at the last minute, friends of young Powell said that their idol was ready for anything.

One claimed that Powell has quietly had a special set of petitions printed and will be ready to put 400 district captains to work on a 24-hour notice. Another revealed that he had been told that Commissioner Carter would be entered in the Democratic primary race against Powell.

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# Rep. Powell Refuses To Endorse Donovan

Rep. A. Clayton Powell, Harlem Democrat, has refused to endorse James G. Donovan, gang-up candidate against Vito Marcantonio in the 18th Congressional District, despite Tammany pressure that he do so.

"I'm not supporting anyone in the 18th," Rep. Powell told a press conference Tuesday. "I'm too busy working for my own reelection in the 22nd."

Powell, who was elected with ALP support in 1946 and in 1948, said he was forced to turn down ALP backing this year because Tammany prohibited Democratic candidates from taking ALP nominations.

The ALP candidate in the field is John Quillian, Negro fur union leader. Powell is also opposed by Elmer Carter, Republican-Liberal candidate.

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# Two Quit 'Protestant' After Commie Line Korean Policy Attack

## Rep. Powell, John Hammond Blast Use of Their Names

By FREDERICK WOLTMAN,
*Staff Writer.*

Rep. Adam [redacted] Powell Jr., Harlem clergyman, and John Hammond, wealthy patron of swing music, repudiated today the use of their names by The Protestant magazine in a slashing attack on American policy in Korea.

The quarterly, published by Kenneth Leslie, devotes its entire current issue to Korea, calling this country the "aggressor" and Korea the "oppressed."

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In Communist terminology, it defends the Soviet Union as the standard-bearer of world peace and charges that [redacted] Gen. Douglas MacArthur and the [redacted] Government acted in the Ku Klux Klan fashion of the lynch mob."

Informed of this by the World-Telegram and Sun, Mr. Hammond, listed as one of two associate editors, and Rep. Powell, listed as an editorial adviser, demanded that the magazine remove their names immediately from the masthead.

The Protestant has long been a storm center because of its violent attacks on the Catholic Church. It has no church affiliation and is not to be confused with the Protestant World, edited here by the Rev. Robert W. Searle.

**31 Called Advisers.**

In a series of articles six years ago, this newspaper first disclosed its pro-Communist, anti-Catholic policies and its opposition to anti-Communist Jewish groups.

Its publisher and editor, Mr. Leslie, moved to Nova Scotia some time ago. He continues to publish the magazine, however, now under the name of New Christian Books, 237 W. 37th St.

The 32-page Korea issue carries the names of 31 purported "advisers," including Francis J. McConnell, retired Methodist bishop, Henrietta Buckmaster, writer, and the Rev. Lee H. Ball, Methodist minister of New Paltz, N. Y. Most of them are clergymen.

**Disowns Policy.**

Mr. Hammond, now visiting his brother-in-law, Benny Goodman, in Pacific Palisades, Calif., telegraphed this newspaper that he "disagrees completely" with the magazine's stand on Korea. "I have had no connection with the magazine for over three years and disapprove its editorial [redacted]," he said.

Rep. Powell telegraphed Mr. Leslie: "I thought The Protestant [redacted] had stopped publication. Just saw article on Korea. Emphatically disagree. Remove my name immediately."

The Democratic Congressman told the World-Telegram and Sun he started to "clear out of all left-wing organizations" about two years ago. That was after Paul Robeson asserted in Paris that Negroes would not support America in the event of a war with Russia.

**'Bankers, Bishops, Brass.**

Referring to this country as "Atomerica," The Protestant claims that the American people are being involved by their "bankers, Bishops and Brass in a cowardly and indecent adventure." "The United Nations," it says, "decided to make an honest effort to get out of the U.S. and the [redacted] her illegal intervention."

In sending Jacob Malik back to the U.N., according to Mr. Leslie, "the USSR has proved to history its sober responsibility, its maturity, its patience in the face of contumely and its devotion to world peace based on justice."

For years Mr. Leslie collected large contributions from Jewish businessmen on the ground The Protestant was combating anti-Semitism. This source stopped after the six leading Jewish organizations in the nation repudiated the magazine as "inimical to the interests of the Jewish community in America."

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# Powell Sues Carter for $50,000

The Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., reelected to Congress from the 22d Congressional District by a thumping majority, hooked a $50,000 libel suit this week on his defeated opponent, Elmer A. Carter.

Powell based the suit on assertions by Carter during the heated campaign that Powell's apartment house at 706 Riverside Drive was closed to Negro tenants and that he and his wife Hazel Scott have an English maid and a Japanese butler.

Harrison S. Jackson, Powell's attorney, charged: "Mr. Carter knew, or could have learned that three prominent Negroes have been living in the house for a considerable time. They are City Court Judge Francis Rivers, Dr. Frost Wilkenson and Doris Buchanan."

Negro families, said Jackson, have been given first choice in the house which at the time of purchase by Powell was fully occupied by white tenants.

Jackson also called the charge against Powell's choice of [illegible] pure twaddle. He said Powell has five secretaries, all Negroes.

Carter could not be reached for comment either at his home or office at the State Commission Against Discrimination.

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# Powell Asks U. S. Probe of Derrick Case

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell yesterday asked that the U. S. Attorney General and the FBI investigate the killing of Negro veteran John Derrick. Powell said he made the demand before the case "further seriously damages our war effort."

"The shocking news of the grand jury action because of the District Attorney's presentment indicates that Mr. Hogan has made a definite contribution to the cause of Communism," Powell said.

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# 1,000 in Harlem Demand Derrick Probe by Dewey

More than 1,000 Harlemites yesterday demanded another Grand Jury probe of the police killing of John Derrick, Negro veteran. The demand was addressed to Gov. Dewey at a mass meeting in the Golden Gate Ballroom sponsored by the New York branch of the NAACP.

A resolution unanimously passed called on the City Council to "condemn any and all acts of police brutality and recommend the dismissal of Patrolmen Louis Colombo and Basil Minakakis, Derrick's killers."

The resolution also demanded that the Council act against the policeman who killed Herman Newtown, slain in Brooklyn last Memorial Day, and the police attackers of Harvey Brown, a Brooklynite who was idsabled for life last year.

Support in the Derrick case, outside the Harlem Community, came from Rev. Donald Harrington, pastor of the Community Church. Rev. Harrington anounced that a mass meeting supported by over 25 organizations would be held March 16 in his church at Park Ave. and 35th St.

A call for mass demonstrations by Negroes and Puerto Ricans outside Harlem came from Harris Present, counsel for the Spanish-American Youth Bureau and the Puerto Rican Employers Association.

"I call upon the more than one million Negroes and Puerto Ricans in New York," Present said, "to unite and prevent more killings. We must make the streets downtown black with people."

The Grand Jury that recently whitewashed Derrick's killers was denounced by Wilfred N. Mayes, NAACP counsel. Mayes accused District Attorney Frank Hogan of ignoring the testimony of "those who knew most about the case."

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell gave what has become his standard red-baiting support-the-war speech. Powell said, however, that he would demand that the IBL probe the Derrick case, make public the facts about the gun police claimed Derrick carried, and investigate the bank accounts of the killers since it has been charged Derrick was robed after his death.

Powell said he was going to appear before the Senate Kefauver committee and demand it probe the Grand Jury, Hogan and the Police Department. He made all his promises, however, "for the sake of winning the war against Communism."

"I want my country to win the war, but a lot of Negroes are wondering what they are fighting for," he said.

It was announced that Patrolman Edward Hickey, who shot at three Negro youths recently on a Harlem street, had been suspended. The three youths were presented to the audience.

Councilman Earl Brown demanded a probe of the Police Department and repeated his promise to present a resolution on the Derrick case next Friday.

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# The Lyons Den

By Leonard Lyons

**POLITICS:** This week the front pages revealed that Justice William O. Douglas had written to President Truman disavowing any efforts of the Douglas-For-President groups. He also assured Mr. Truman of his wish to remain on the Supreme Court permanently. This letter, eliminating himself from the field of prospects for national office, was sent by Justice Douglas last September . . . What hasn't been revealed is that the President as yet has not replied to the letter.

**DOMESTIC NOTE:** Art Jarrett, now singing in Minneapolis, is supporting Eleanor Holm's defense against Billy Rose's claim that the Jarrett-Holm California divorce of 1938 was illegal. Jarrett's testimony will be that from 1936 to 1938 he lived at the Wilshire Palms and that even when he was on tour he kept his clothes and car there and paid the rent by check drawn on the Bank of California . . . The Rose-Holm romance, incidentally, began at the Great Lakes Exposition. Rose hired the swimmer, then offered Jarrett the band leader's job there. "No," said Jarrett. "I don't want to become MISTER Eleanor Holm." Rose replied: "Look, I'M married to the Gibraltar of Show Business, and am trying not to be MISTER Fannie Brice."

**MOVIES:** One of the television networks offered Alfred Hitchcock a contract to produce a series of 30-minute suspense movies for TV, each to cost a minimum of $25,000. Hitchcock declined the offer. Then he added: "If I could produce a good 30-minute movie for $25,000, how then could I approach Warner Bros and ask $1½ million for a 90-minute movie?"

**SOCIAL NOTE:** Hitchcock's daughter, Pat, is being married today to Joseph Edward O'Connell Jr., of Boston. At the wedding rehearsal Hitchcock said that he'd once been a best man, and remembered only that the ceremony consisted of a reading of a series of movie titles: "Till Death Do Us Part," "To Have and to Hold," "I Take This Woman," etc. . . . Hitchcock read Emily Post, on the function of the bride's father at the wedding reception. "I'm supposed to mingle," he sighed, "mingle and try to look like Spencer Tracy" . . . Hitchcock has gained weight again, and will wear a cutaway borrowed from the studio, "one worn by Sydney Greenstreet, no doubt." At Vatican City he went to a shop to borrow tails for the audience. The shopkeeper took one glance at him, then reached for the very last coat on the rack.

**TV DEPT.:** Sharman Douglas, daughter of the ex-Ambassador to England, went to the house of a friend to see the telecast of to England, went to the house of a friend to see a telecast. She explained that Ambassador and Mrs. Lew Douglas have no television set at home. "When are they going to buy one?" she was asked . . . "Buy a television set?" replied Miss Douglas. "Last week they finally got around to buying a Victrola."

**LOCAL NEWS:** When Frank Costello is re-tried, the U. S. Attorney will ask that the jury be locked up for the night, after each trial day, until they reach a verdict . . . John Peurifoy, the American Ambassador to Greece, is returning on the 28th for consultations in Washington . . . Nevada Smith, the former showgirl who was just reconciled with her husband, Jackie Frye, president of General Aniline, will hyphenate her name. From now on she'll be Nevada Smith-Frye . . . Leland Hayward hopes to find Ethel Merman's replacement for "Call Me Madam" among Benay Venuta, Mitzi Green and Mary McCarthy.

**CORRECTION DEPT.:** In the New York Post's current series on Walter Winchell, his secretary is quoted as having said about me: "Winchell gave him his start, didn't he?" . . . No, he didn't. Harry Saylor, the editor, and David Stern, the publisher, were the ones who hired me after they'd read the sample columns and scrapbook I'd submitted. The newspapermen who were helpful in starting me were Walter A. Young, now of the Journal-American; Bill Robinson, now of the Herald-Tribune, and Howard Swain, formerly of the Brooklyn Eagle . . . Mr. Winchell and I enjoyed a long friendship, but we never met until after I became a columnist.

**THEATER NOTE:** Although Leora Dana is a young attractive actress, she's been cast in maternal roles: She played Claude Dauphin's wife in "The Happy Time" and recently won fine notices again as the mother of Henry Fonda's children in "Point of No Return." Offstage, Miss Dana is a pretty and vivacious girl, who likes the Broadway nightclubs and bears little resemblance to the middle-aged lady who, in eight performances a week, puts Henry Fonda on the 8:02 from Sycamore Park . . . On opening night, J. P. Marquand, author of the book, sent her a first-night wire: "I'd live in Sycamore Park too, if you'd put me on the 8:02."

**TRAFFIC NOTE:** Last night Rep. Adam Clayton Powell and his wife, Hazel Scott, parked their car on W. 44th St., near Sardi's. The cop on the beat asked them to park the car further up the street. Powell pointed to the limousine parked nearby. The cop explained that the car had official license plates—that it was the governor's car, being used by Mrs. Dewey . . . "I won't move on," Powell said. "My car has official plates, too. You must either honor all official plates or none" . . . At Powell's insistence, the cop gave him a ticket for illegal parking, and Powell will test the matter in court.

**MOVIES:** A visiting movie executive was asked why he doesn't sign Tallulah Bankhead for a picture. "Women who go to movies like to identify themselves with the stars they see on the screen," he explained. "And there's the problem. Women movie-goers can pretend that they too are Greer Garson and Joan Crawford, but not Tallulah—for everyone knows that there is only one Tallulah and there never can be another."

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# Powell Says He'll Halt Demo Bigots In Chicago

Representative Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., No. 1 guest at a reception in his honor Monday evening in the Carver Democratic Club, Amsterdam Ave. and 165th St., is planning to spring a surprise maneuver at the Democratic National Convention and, if all goes well, Harlem's Congressman may prevent the seating of many delegates who are opposed to President Truman's civil rights program.

The Rev. Powell, first Negro delegate-at-large in the country to be elected by the Democratic Party, told a cheering audience:

"Under a recently discovered rule governing the National Democratic Convention, I will be able to stop any delegate from being seated who has previously announced that he will not abide by the decisions of the convention."

**Political Get-Together**

Powell, who read from the official manual of the Democratic National Committee prepared by Clarence Cannon at National Chairman Frank C. McKinney's suggestion, added:

"I have carefully studied this official manual of 43 pages and on page 33, lines 13, 14 and 15, I have discovered the following: 'A delegate announcing he will not abide by the decisions of the Convention was held not entitled to participate in its deliberations. This rule was adopted in 1864, and appeared in that year on page 33'."

Hundreds of Harlemites, many of them prominent, crowded three auditoriums in the Carver Democratic Club to hear the Rev. Powell, Democratic leader J. Raymond Jones, the co-leader, Mrs. Mary Sharpe, and a host of others loud the progress made by Negro Americans during the Roosevelt and Truman administrations.

Most prominent of the guests from Washington was Mrs. Venice Spraggs, formerly correspondent for the Chicago Defender at the capital. Mrs. Spraggs is now a key organizer among women for the Democrats.

"I will on the opening day of the convention offer," Congressman Powell declared, "objections based upon this rule to every single delegate, including the Texas delegation which recently announced that they would not abide by the platform. I will offer objections to every single delegate being seated.

"The chair will have to sustain me because I will be on sound parliamentary ground. We are going to Chicago to build a platform every bit as strong as the one Truman built. We can win this election, but not if we play in the same league of compromise which the Republicans have already monopolized.

"This rule is still the law of the National Democratic Convention. We have been hearing a lot from our fellow Democrats many of whom we are ashamed of, south of the Mason-Dixon line, stating that they would not abide by a strong civil rights platform, that they would bolt the Convention, that they would set up their own embassies, etc. I do not intend to allow these delegates from Kleinland to brow-beat me or any of us who come from the North to the convention. I am very happy that I have discovered this rule."

Foto by Campbell

HERE'S THE PROOF, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., tells his aide, Paul Klein. Harlem's spokesman in the House of Representatives threatened this week to pull the rule book on Dixiecrats who have publicly declared their intentions not to abide by the decisions of the Democratic National Convention, especially on the question of civil rights plank in the platform.

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Hon. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.
132 West 138th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Powell:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of April 8, 1952, with enclosure, which was received in this office on April 17, 1952. The interest and courtesy which prompted you to write me are indeed appreciated.

You may be certain the subject matter of your communication will be afforded appropriate attention.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,
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